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Fountain House

campaign

to save pub CAMPAIGNERS have suffered a set-

back in their bid to save a pub from being demolished to make way for a supermarket. Plans for the Maypole, in Bassnage Road, Halesowen, were

backed by council officers.

More than 500 people have signed a petition calling for the pub to be saved but councillors have been advised to approve plans to have it bulldozed and replaced with a Co-Op

ahead of a meeting next week.

Dudley Council planning officers say the loss of the Maypole would be 'regrettable', but add the pub is not

a heritage asset. It comes only weeks after the authority listed the pub as an asset of community value. This gives community groups the right to bid for it should it be put up for sale

but ultimately does not prevent re-

backed by council officers.

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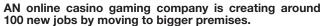
A CHURCH is set to become offic-

es for an accountants' firm – after it emerged two others in the Black Country face closure. Halesowen Baptist Church's days

attract a buyer for the Stourbridge Road building since it closed two

St Luke's Church in Cradley Heath is facing demolition after more than 170 years in the town

while it was recently announced St James' Church in Wednesbury will



Intouch Games currently has more than 100 workers at its site in

Stourbridge but wants to expand to a new base in Halesowen.

Bosses have already taken on 50 staff in recent months as business booms. Managing director Simon Wilson said: "We're very excited about our move to Halesowen, and it represents a massive step forward in the development of Intouch Games." Wet Mid-

'Intouch Games are proud to be leading the way for tech companies in the West Mid-

lands and we're constantly looking to hire diligent, hard-working, talented individuals who can help the company fulfil its true potential."

It is set to move to new offices at Fountain House in Great Cornbow in either October or November. A floor of 15,000 sq ft has been let to Intouch, currently based in Penn House,

Setback for | Accountants

to Intouch, currently based in Penn House, Bradley Road.
Six-floor Fountain House has just been sold and the floor let to Intouch is to be refurbished.
Owner and operator of mFortune and Pocketwin mobile casino, Intouch was recently named in the LSE's annual '1,000 Companies to Inspire Britain.' The company will be recruiting staff with skills including computer programming, marketing, graphic design and call centre operators. It is looking for 20 'high end' programmers, 15 graphic designers and 25 call centre agents.

call centre agents.

Intouch Games also expects to take an additional floor in the near future, doubling its commitment to Fountain House.

Tenants

ratesowen baptist church's days as a place of worship appear to be numbered after an application to take over the building was tabled by Nicklin's Accountants, which is based nearby. Church leaders have struggled to It currently has its team spread between offices in Stourbridge, Bucharest and Bu-

dapest.

The move to Halesowen has been

The move to Halesowen has been prompted by the rapid development of the business over the last 12 months.

There are two other existing tenants, at Fountain House in Structural UK and Third Financial Software, occupying just over 10,000 sq ft between them. With Intouch it will now have more than a third of its 68,000 sq ft space let.

KWB, which has been retained to market the office space in Halesowen, will now focus on the forecasted remaining 30,000 sq ft. years ago.

Nicklin's is currently negotiating the purchase of the church and have already secured permission to use the vestry and rear offices. The com-pany is now seeking to go-ahead to convert the main church hall.

convert the main church hall.
It would be the latest church in
the Black Country to receive its
last rites. Former Halesowen Baptist Church members now meet at
the Quarry Bank Congregational
Church

sq ft.
Malcolm Jones, of KWB, said: "The work Malcolm Jones, of KWB, said: "I'ne work being carried out at Fountain House will provide Halesowen and the surrounding area with viable office space, and we expect to receive a significant number of enquiries regarding the property."

Nic Burton of Ruskin Properties said:

"We are delighted to be able to bring to market high grade offices in Halesowen."

A snip off the old locks aids charity



Hairdressers Danny Clulow and Kelly Holmes, from Esquires bar-ber's, Halesowen, with Councillor Stuart Henley and Dominic Rose

Close shave for duo

A HALESOWEN councillor who is

A HALESOWEN councillor who is also a firefighter undertook a sponsored head shave in aid of charity along with a brigade colleague. Halesowen North councillor Stuart Henley and Haden Cross crew commander Dominic Rose raised more than £700 between them for Macmillan Cancer support.

Councillor Henley decided to organise the shave in memory of his mother Susan Harris, who lost her battle with the disease last year. He said: "I heard it on the radio about Macmillan sponsored head shaves and thought it would be a great thing to do for a cancer charity, as it's such a good cause.

"My colleague was interested in doing it too so we decided to team

up and raise as much as we could. I didn't have that much hair anyway, but Dominic did so it was a bit of a bigger shock for him than me."

The shave took place at Esquires barber's in Long Lane on August 19. Councillor Henley's mother was a much-loved staff member at Huntingtree Primary School, and was just 62 when she passed away in February 2014.

"She was a very popular at the school and they did a good send off for her," he said. "She was the type of lady that would do anything for anyone and is really missed."

of lady that would do anything for anyone and is really missed." Donations can be added online at bravetheshave.org.uk/shavers/stu-art-henley/ and bravetheshave.org. uk/shavers/dominic-rose/

POLICE £400,000 spent to manage protests

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POLICE have spent more than £400,000 on managing far-right marches in Dudley, with almost £60,000 spent on the latest protest. Around 200 protesters from All Football Fans/Firms Against Islamisation (AFFFAI) marched through the town centre on June 13 – the third protest this year over plans for a new mosque. for a new mosque

for a new mosque.
The cost to West Midlands Police stands at £59,900 with a possibility of further costs yet to be added to the bill.
A march by Britain First in Dudley in May cost the force £33,800, while in February an EDL march cost £321,000 to police – bringing the total bill for all three to £414,700.

FIRE PROBE

Arson theory over camper van blaze

POLICE are probing an arson attack in which a camper van was gutted while standing in the back garden of a house. A car was also wrecked in the blaze.

Crews from Brierley Hill and Smethwick were called to the blaze in Wood Road, Lower Gornal around 3am on Sunday They spert 90 minutes at the

Sunday. They spent 90 minutes at the

scene.

Deb Edmonds of West Midlands Police confirmed it was being treated as

Free wi-fi extends to more buildings

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FREE wi-fi is available in more council buildings in Dudley than ever before. The council is extending the range of buildings where people can access the free wi-fi with the launch of DudleyConnect.

Currently, people visiting libraries can get free access. Now more buildings have been added to the list including The Council House, Dudley Council Plus, Himley Hall, Priory Hall, Dudley and Stourbridge town halls, Cornbow Hall, Halesowen, The Dell Stadium, Brierley Hill, Mary Stevens Park Cafe and leisure centres.

For more details visit www.dudley.gov.

For more details visit www.dudley.gov. uk/dudleyconnect/public-wifi

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but ultimately does not prevent re-development. Councillors on the authority's planning committee are now set to decide the fate of the Maypole at a meeting next Tuesday, September 1. An officers' report says the Co-Op store would be beneficial for the area. But ward councillor Jeff Hill said it was clear the majority of people in the community were against the supermarket plans. close at the end of September SHAW STONE SURFACES LTD

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appeal after a man was left with bruising to his face and head when he was assaulted in Dud-

They are trying to trace the They are trying to trace the three people pictured after a 20-year-old man was attacked in Wolverhampton Street at around 9.30pm on July 4. West Midlands Police released

the video stills appeal last week. The victim was sitting in the shopping area when two men be-came abusive and attacked him

him in the face.
Officers are also seeking a woman, who was with the men, as a witness to the attack.
Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Steve Waltho said the assault 'had no place in a peaceful town like Dudley'.
He uread anyone with infor-

He urged anyone with information to get in touch with po-

lice.
Councillor Waltho, ward councillor for St Thomas's, said: "I utterly condemn the actions of

actions in a peaceful town like Dudley."

Investigating officer Pc Thomas Minshall said: "The man was understandably shaken.

"He received bruising to his face and head and has recovered from the physical injuries

He is urging anyone with information to call him on 101. Witnesses can also contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



Jobs joy as nightspot to become restaurant

open its first outlet in the West Midlands creating 60 jobs at the site of a well-known former nightspot.

The Kingfisher club, in Wall Heath, which once hosted The Drifters and Jimi Hendrix, closed earlier this

month following a fall in customers.

Hickory's Smokehouse, a growing restaurant chain in the north west of England and in Wales has revealed plans to take over the club.

over the club.

Work is already getting under way to transform the club, off Kidderminster Road, near Kingswinford. It is hoped the

Road, near Kingswinford. It is noped the venue would be open this autumn.

Jobs are being created for managers, chefs, bartenders, hosts and servers.

Hickory's Smokehouse spokesman Jennie Grimes said workers were already on 9,500 sq ft site beginning the transforma-

tion.

She added: "We are absolutely delighted to be announcing our new home here in the West Midlands."

Novice

She added: "If you are enjoy hospitality and are looking for you next big challenge or just an enthusiastic novice who is eager to learn we want to hear from you.

The Smokehouse group already has estaurants in Chester, Wirral and North As a cabaret venue, the Kingfisher at-

As a cabate venue, the Anighishe attracted Bob Monkhouse, Frank Carson and Bernard Manning. Other acts to grace the stage through the years have included The Supremes, Gerry and Pacemakers and Joe Longthorne.

Longthorne.

The country club, hotel and gym at the site are not affected by the sale. The venue bowed out with a 1980s-themed party. Ten staff were made redundant.

The Kingfisher Country Club itself was built in the 1930s when it was known as

the Kingfisher Lido, where it housed the

the Kingnisher Lido, where it housed the only Olympic sized swimming pool outside of London.

Director David Facer, who took over running the venue in May 2013, said the venue had been hit during trading last summer with numerous other clubs in opening in Stourbridge and Wolverhampton.

Red carpet out for Sir Lenny



Lenny Henry poses for selfies with fans outside Showcase Cinema in Dudley for the premiere of his new show

SIR Lenny Henry received a rapturous welcome on his red carpet return to Dudley.

The comedian and actor was at the town's Showcase Cinema for a special screening of his newest drama Danny and the Human Zoo, which is being broadcast next Mon-

day, August 31.
Sir Lenny, dressed in a black suit, white shirt, black tie and black pumps, showed off some dance moves then joked with the crowd as he well-ed up the wed corner. he walked up the red carpet

He was joined by Kascion Frank-

lin who plays the lead in the drama. Friends and family of Sir Lenny were in the audience for the gala showing last Thursday night.

Among those who queued outside the cinema was 55-year-old teacher Shirley Lloyd from West Bromwich, accompanied by her niece Aminah StJuste, 32.

Shirley said: "I've followed Lenny throughout his career and I've really loved what he's done over the years. "I'm here to support a local lad. He's a great role model.

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Lenny with Kascion Franklin

online by ex in revenge porn attack

A MAN has admitted changing his ex-girlfriend's Facebook profile picture to a graphic image taken while they were in a relationship.

Samuel Bishop even sent the 'revenge porn' to other users on the global social networking website, Dudley Magistrates Court heard.

Court heard.

The 29-year-old of Hamilton Drive, Wordsley, pleaded guilty to two counts of disclosing private sexual photographs with intent to cause distress. He will be sentenced on September 10.

Prosecuting, Chris Coughlan, said the 25-year-old victim had shared the photograph with Bishop while the pair were in a relationship.

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Mr Coughlan said the image, uploaded to Facebook on May 22, was 'about as private as it gets' and added Bishop had committed a hideous crime.

The court heard Bishop had no previ-

Defending, Mrs Katherine Maynereid, said her client had an issue with alcohol and drink was involved when he posted

and think was involved when he posted the image.

She added Bishop, who appeared in court wearing a white polo shirt with a checked collar, was extremely remorseful and was trying to seek help for his alcohol problems.

Bishop was exacted conditional hail

Bishop was granted conditional bail and told he must have no contact by any means with the victim. He will appear at Dudley Magistrates Court on September 10 for sentencing. Mr Coughlan said there would be an

application for a restraining order

Site boss lands national award

A SITE manager at a Black Country homes development has won a national

award.

Dave Nichols, site manager at Taylor
Wimpey's Lockside Walk development
in Brierley Hill, beat off 15,000 entrants
to land the National House-Building
Council (NHBC) Pride in the Job Quality Award.

The award recognises his dedication to building high-quality homes for new

homebuyers.
Roger Northam, managing director of Taylor Wimpey Midlands, said: "I'd like to congratulate Dave for winning a

Quality Award."
The Lockside Walk development off Brettell Lane offers a selection of two, three and four bedroom homes. Prices range from £149,995 to £261,995.

Cat charity makes call for fundraisers

HALESOWEN Cats Protection are in need of more fundraisers to help money for cats and kittens in their care. They can help by coming up with new ideas, collecting money in designated stores and helping out on stalls on event days. Call Sue on 0121 5506743.



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Father sent to jail for injuries to daughter

A DUDLEY father has been jailed for 44 months after his 12-week-old daughter was found to have suffered

or 44 months after ins 12-week-old daughter was found to have suffered multiple fractures.

The 24-year-old, who cannot be named, admitted allowing the baby to suffer serious physical harm. The child's mother, 21, pleaded guilty to the same charge but was bailed until October 5 for a social services report.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard the 84-day-old baby had been rushed to the emergency department at Russells Hall Hospital on May 18 2013 as she was not breathing properly.

Miss Sally Hancox, prosecuting, said the child had bruising on its face and there was dried blood near her left nostril. Further tests revealed a number of bone fractures.

In his basis of plea, the father ac-

In his basis of plea, the father accepted he was responsible for some of the injuries but maintained his actions had not been deliberate. But he admitted his handling of the baby had been 'rough at times.

The mother admitted the change of the same of the sa

been 'rough at times.'
The mother admitted the charge on
the basis she should have done more
to protect her baby from her 'violent
and controlling' partner.
Mr Simon Rippon, defending the
mother, said she had been beaten up
by the father shortly after their baby
was taken to the bosnital

by the lather shortly after their bady was taken to the hospital.

Mr Simon Hanns, defending the father, said: "He lacks the skills to be an effective parent."

Judge Martin Walsh was told the baby and the couple's other child were expected to be part to five a double.

expected to be put up for adoption.

Eating disorder support group

A NEW support group is being set up for people who care for someone liv-ing with an eating disorder.

The group will offer carers in the Dudley borough the chance to meet and discuss matters surrounding con-

Initially, carers are invited to make contact and receive more information so that arrangements can be made for meetings, discussions, and ways to keep in contact.

The emphasis will be for carers to exchange ideas, share experiences, and give mutual support. If there is interest then there will be opportunities for specialist speakers to be invited to meetings.

Contact David on 07840662852 or

Plans lodged for 21-home scheme

TWENTY-ONE new homes could be built on land in Cradley Heath. An outline planning application has been submitted to Sandwell Council for land at the junction of High Haden Road and Halesowen Road.

Canals offering a different path



Making most use of the canals

MILES of canal footpaths can play life sites. Mr Mathews said: "We do a major role in the West Midlands' need to create more awareness of the

a major role in the West Midlands' transport plans, according to the head of the organisation that looks after the waterways in the region.

Opening them up to cyclists and walkers would help improve the transport infrastructure, said Peter Mathews, chairman of the Canal & River Trust's Partnership in the West Midlands. Midlands.

The trust safeguards 350km of waterways in the West Midlands as well as caring for a large collection of listed structures and many important wild-

need to create more awareness of the canal network in the West Midlands and with £6 million from the Depart-ment for Transport we have a scheme in place to transform access to the ca-

in place to transform access to the ca-nals for thousands of people.

"This is a huge task because parts of the canal network are over 250 years old. However, we can make them better places for leisure as well as linking with organisations and businesses to make them safer and more attractive places for all of our different users.

"We are working closely with Sustrans, the sustainable transport charity who have a base in Birmingham to achieve our aspirations to encourage people to walk and cycle more as a starting point for reducing motor traffic."

Yvonne Gilligan, regional director Yvonne Gilligan, regional director of Sustrans, has been appointed to the Trust's West Midlands Partnership. She said: "More and more people in Birmingham see cycling and walking as a way to travel to and from work and we must ensure that their routes are safe and useable."

Petition signed to limit speeds

AN angry resident has launched a petition to stop motorists speeding through her village.

Anne Salisbury, aged 66, has grown frustrated at seeing cars exceed the 30mph limit in Gornal.

She said the main problem area was Louise Street, from the junction of Summit Place to Barclays Bank and is calling on Dudley Council to consider introducing traffic-calming measures.

She has been backed by more than

The petition has now been submit ted to the authority.

Two crashes at same blackspot

TWO crashes in just 12 hours occurred at the same accident blackspot in Stourbridge.

Both accidents in Enville Street which links the town with Wollaston took place in wet conditions on the bend by Katie Fitzgerald's pub.

The first crash resulted in the blue Land Rover narrowly missing homes on the inside of the corner at around 7.30pm last Wednesday (August 19).

And, at around 7am the following day, residents reported seeing a bus and lorry crash as they passed each other.

Pop up forum staged in park

FAMILIES visiting a Stourbridge park can quiz the leader of Dudley Council on issues affecting their com

The authority is hosting its first ever 'pop up' forum at the activity centre in Mary Stevens Park from 2-3pm tomorrow (Friday). The community forums are being

rolled out to more venues than even before to give people the opportunity to get involved with the decision-mak ing process and air their ideas

Fizzogs create Nice work for character

A STAR of Peter Kay's Phoenix Nights will team up with Black Country comedy group The Fizzogs next month. Comedy character Barbara Nice, created by Janice Connolly, will compere the group's performance of Fifty Shades of Fizzog at at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre on September 3. Tickets for the show, which starts at 7.30pm, are £14. Call 01902 429212. Connolly appeared as Holy Mary in

Connolly appeared as Holy Mary in Phoenix Nights and also in Max and Paddy's Road to Nowhere.

Surgery to expand

A DOCTOR'S surgery in Halesowen A DOCTOR'S surgery in Halesowen is to expand to help reduce waiting times. Dudley Council gave the go-ahead for two extra consulting rooms at Alexandra Medical Centre in Short Street. Bosses say it will relieve waiting times and provide more services for its 2,700 patients.

Triplets make grade as sibling rivalry is tested

if one of their children pro-duces a raft of A* results in their GCSE exams. So for Kate Westwood the joy was triple-fold.

Her 16-year-old triplets, Joshua, Robert and Olivia landed an aston-ishing 29 A* grades between them in

ishing 29 A* grades between them in this year's exams, with six A grades thrown in for good measure. "It still hasn't sunk in really," said Kate, from Milking Bank, Dudley. "It's been a bit nerve-wracking over the last few weeks, worrying that maybe one of them wouldn't do so well. Thankfully they've all got fan-tastic results." tastic results."

tastic results."
Wolverhampton Girls' High pupil
Olivia scored a full house of 12 A*
grades. She now plans to stay on at
the school's sixth form.
Keen Manchester United support-

res Joshua and Robert both attended Ellowes Hall Sports College in Dudley. Joshua achieved nine A* grades and two As, while his brother got eight A* grades and four As.

Competition

They both plan to study A-levels at King Edward VI College, Stourbridge, from next month. Kate, a teaching as-sistant at Milking Bank Primary, said

sistant at Milking Bank Primary, said a healthy competition had built up between the siblings in recent weeks. "They have all worked exceptionally hard over the last two years, both in the classroom and at home," she said. "The competition really bubbled over while they were waiting for their results Olivia worked especially hard, but they were all dedicated to getting the best possible grades."

Robert has already achieved a B grade at maths A-level, having taken the exam two years ago, while Joshua passed his AS level maths a year early. Kate added that her children's high

Kate added that her children's high level of self-motivation was the secret

level of self-motivation was the secret formula to their success. "I think that with triplets it's eas-ier because if one of them does some-thing the others follow suit," she said. "They're very close like that. We gave



From left, triplets Rob, Olivia and Joshua Westwood, from Dudley, who all scored highly in their GCSE results

them a bit of encouragement but Milner Catholic College achieved five they were all very self-motivated to achieve."

Across Dudley, schools achieved sig-

Actors Dutchey, schools achieved spear.

Results show that some schools have recorded a rise in pupils achieving the Government benchmark of five or more A*C grades including English and maths.

Success stories include The Dormston School, Sedgley, which has increased its pass rate by 10 per cent,

as has Leasowes Community College.
Holly Hall Academy has seen a nine
per cent increase in pass rates. A total
of 70 per cent of students at Bishop

or more A* -C grades including English and maths.

Acting principal Richard May said: "It is testament to of the hard work of students, staff and support from their

Oldswinford Hospital School in Stourbridge saw 89.4 per cent of students achieving A*-C grades in five or more subjects, with 81.8 per cent achieving the same feat including

English and maths. Headmaster Paul Kilbride said: "These results are well-deserved. As a year group, they have had a wonderful spirit, drive and character.

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Councillor Ian Cooper, Dudley Council's cabinet member for children's services, said: "We would like to congratulate all pupils who have received their result?" received their results

There was a stand-out performer at the Q3 Academy in Great Barr. Lewis Bradbury scored seven A grades and four Bs during a year when he also

landed medals in a number of interna-tional karate competitions.

Results improved for the third year running at Ormiston Forge Academy, Cradley Heath, where students achieved a 51 per cent pass rate at A*-C, including English and maths. Last year this figure was 47 per cent.



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HANG on. Didn't we once believe that e-cigarettes were a means to an end, a device for weaning the weak-willed off real fags and, ultimately, into a bright, healthy future which did not involve sticking strange objects in your mouth? Apparently not. Vaping, as it is known, has become a lifestyle choice for millions who have no intention of giving it up. We have vaping clubs and vaping cafes where e-cigarette aficionados puff their chic little tubes and attempt to look intelligent, although they usually look vapid. And now comes the suggestion from three health organisations that you and I, through the NHS, should provide e-fags on prescription to users. So our HANG on. Didn't we once believe that e-cigarettes should provide e-fags on prescription to users. So our hard-pressed NHS is expected to give e-fags to people who could be vaping merrily away for the next 40 or 50 years. Not in my name, thanks.



ISN'T it odd, the things that can start a row? Charlie Dimmock, the TV gardener, merely suggests some allotments are too big for the average couple to manage. She is howled down for her "random thought" by the National Allotments South which points out that the common 300 square yard allotment, dating back to Victorian times, is specifically designed to feed a family of four for a year. This size is apparently sacred and inviolable. Why? Many allotment holders are retired allotment holders are retired

allotment holders are retired or have no family. Some find the full-size allotment too much to cope with. Others are desperate for any scrap of land. I bet all over England thousands of allotments are already informally divided between friends and relations. All Dimmock is suggesting is that when some allotments become vacant, they should be divided into four to see what the demand is. The reaction from the allotments establishment proves again that nothing matters more to the English than their hobbies.

A DAILY Telegraph reader suggests the ideal clothing A DAILY relegraph reader suggests the local colorling for flying is a onesie, one of those all-in-one outfits that turns the wearer into a frog, kangaroo, zebra or whatever. As he says: "There would be no need to take shoes or belt off at security, and no-one would want to sit next to you on the plane."

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Fresh interest shown in taking over theatre brush-off ctyl leaders have peaced

in taking over Dudley Hippodrome as fresh talks have been held over its future.

Campaigners welcomed the news, saying it brings fresh hope to safeguard the 1930s Castle Hill build-

Hopes appeared dashed after talks broke down over an £8 million deal pitched by Wolverhampton-based entertainment company The Rok Group. The deal would have

ing forward showing inter-

ing forward snowing interest in the Hippodrome.

"It could be that the three parties are put in touch with each other to see if they work together."

He added that the friends

group had urged the council to hold fresh talks with The Rok Group.

"We want to ensure that

"We want to ensure that they talk again with The Rok Group in light of the new expressions of interest so The Rok Group know what is happening." Mr Downing said.

Councillor Lowe had told within meeting lost most the roots.

Councillor Lowe had told a public meeting last month that he wanted a deadline of September for interested parties to submit proposals for the under-threat site.

seen it acquire, revamp and run the theatre.

But Friends of Dudley

But Friends of Dudley Hippodrome members were told of the development for three expressions of inter-est during a meeting held with Dudley Council leader, Councillor Pete Lowe.

The interest has come from three individuals or organisations, which have not yet been revealed by the council.

Progress

The nature of their offers for the theatre and its land has not been disclosed at

has not been disclosed at this stage.

Friends group chairman Gordon Downing says mem-bers are happy that progress is being made on finding for the under-threat site.
Councillor Lowe said that
it did not want the issue to
drag on for 'months and
years' because it was 'not
fair on the people of Dudley
and the friends group'.
Mr Downing says further
discussions over the theatre
is planned in the near future.

new backers.

"We have always said it is not about us, or the council, it is about the theatre," he said.
"We just want to see the

Hippodrome up and run-

ning again.
"I would welcome the news that people have com-

Grate idea to keep out cold



Mine demonstrator Peter Stythe with the grate

CANARIES at the Black Country Living Museum won't be making a flap during winter after a nearby foundry stepped in to help them stay warm.

Staff at Thomas Dudley, which operates two foundries near the Tipton Road museum, has created a new stove grating for the site's drift mine building.

The canaries are used as part of the museum's coal mine exhibition and bosses say they would not survive without the heat now sup-

without the heat now sup-

plied.

Museum chiefs said they were extremely grateful to the Birmingham New Road firm for carrying out the

firm for carrying out the work.
Senior curator Dr John
Beckerson said: "The foundry team at Thomas Dudley have been extremely generous in recasting a new grate for our pot-bellied stove after the old became burnt out.

stove after the old became burnt out. "Their support has been a huge help and we are ex-tremely grateful." Foundry general manager for Thomas Dudley Jim Fenlon said: "Needless to say when they asked if we could engineer a new part for their stove, we were delighted to offer a solution."

Museum jibes are given the

CIVIC leaders have reacted with tongue-in-cheek to an article branding the Black Country Living Museum 'a lazy war memorial set in a one-horse town'.

The piece on vice.com is entitled 'There's a Town Near Birmingham Where Everyone Pretends to Be from the Past'. It also pokes fun at the displays and costoners are supported by the control of the past'.

from the Past'. It also pokes fun at the displays and cos-tumed re-enactors. Staff writer Joe Bish penned the article after vis-iting the attraction. But by the end he admits to being 'sold on the museum's more sentimental aspects'.

His criticism has been brushed off by council

Town councillors have Town councillors have invited the author to revisit the Black Country, offering to show him some of the region's finest sites and talk him through its heritage.

nim through its neritage.
Mayor of Dudley Councillor Steve Waltho said: "The Black Country Museum is something I'm really proud we've got. It shows a huge part of Black Country history."

"If he wants to come and have a chat to me about the Black Country and our history then he's more than welcome."

welcome."
Dudley Council leader
Pete Lowe said: "We're very
proud of our heritage and
our history.
"We're far more than just

living in the past, we're very much living in the present and living for the future as well."







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Mother Daphne, Cpl Philip Thorton, Pte Stuart Maclean, sister Michelle and niece April Fellows



Standards are raised ahead of the road naming ceremony in Rowley Regis



Street named after hero soldier

A BLACK Country soldier, described as the finest of his generation by the Ministry of Defence following his death in Afghanistan, has had a street named in his hon-

Captain Sean Dolan, from Rowley Regis, was killed in Helmand Province in 2007 during an operation where he was working alongside both US and Afghan

Family member, including Cpt Dolan's

mother Daphne, were joined by representatives from the Mercian Regiment and local Royal British Legion branches as around 80 people attended the ceremony to mark the official opening of Sean Dolan Close.

The road in Rowley Regis is part of a new development off Carnegie Road, on the site of the former William Lench manufacturing

The 40-year-old officer, who was also an avid Wolves fan, served with the 1st Battalion, the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment during his military career. He was laid to rest with full military honours at Ches-

ter Cathedral. Molineux anthem Hi-Ho Silver Lining rang out during the service.

A plan to name a road after Cpt Dolan had been in the offing since his death an appro-priate development became available in his home town.

nome town.

Residents were leafleted to be made aware
of Cpt Dolan's background. Veterans from
the Worcestershire and Sherwood Forestre
Regiment were also in attendance at the cer-

The tribute was the idea of Rowlev Regis councillor Bob Price.

He said: "When I was asked to name a road

for the new builds I asked the permission of the family to name it after Sean Dolan.

"He was the 62nd soldier to die in Afghanistan and sacrificed his life.

"It was a fitting tribute to him. I think everyone came away from it happy and there were lots of people there who knew a bit more about him." about him

Mark Spilsbury, secretary of the Black-heath Royal British Legion, said: "We are al-ways concerned about when people sacrifice their lives the family has to deal with that and

after a few years people forget.

"Part of the legion's role is not forgetting.

"That's why we put so much time into the remembrance side of it.

"The family were happy there was a proper ceremony, and his regiment turned up, which was important to them."

Cpt Dolan, or 'Dollar' as he was known, joined the army in 1983 and quickly rose through the ranks.

As part of the operation he was involved in, he was observing Taliban fighters from a vantage point when he was killed by a mortar

He was awarded a Meritorious Service Medal shortly before his death.



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IN MY VIEW

What's the attraction with music festivals?

A MAN claims to have paid £3 to register his sat-nav as a Labour supporter in order to vote in the forthcoming leadership contest. Apparently the device is struggling to decide, sometimes favouring Corby in Northants, sometimes Kendal in the Lake District, and occasionally Burn-

INCIDENTALLY, Jeremy Corbyn is the younger brother of renowned meteorologist Piers Corbyn, who says man-made global warming is a myth. He says the planet stopped warming some years ago, and that trend is unlikely to be reversed any time soon. Music to most motorists' ears, I would have thought. Perhaps it's just me, but it sounds like they're chosen the wrong brother again. the wrong brother again.

SO, that's it from V Festival for another year, with only 1,000 people needing medical treatment, and just 78 ambulanc-

what is the attraction with these events? Whatever makes an otherwise normal person pay through the nose to watch the likes of Tom Jones from a muddy field during a thunderstorm after sitting in traffic for hours on end, washing their beir with tollow powder and shore. their hair with talcum powder and sleep-

ing in a tiny tent?

Each to their own, and there is nothing wrong with a passion for music. I just can't see what is wrong with seeing it in a concert hall or stadium. And having a

a concert nail or stadium. And having a wash before the performance.

PATRICK MacNee, George Cole, and now Stephen Lewis, three towering figures of British television are no longer with us. Of course, they will all live on. The Avengers, Minder and On The Buses all continues to null in viewers on the nose. all continue to pull in viewers on the nos-

all continue to pull in viewers on the nos-talgia channels for many years to come, emphasising just how little quality televi-sion is actually made today. Isn't it depressing that while the tech-nology and special effects have come on in leaps and bounds, we no longer seem able to make a light-hearted action ad-venture series which doesn't require an interest in psychology, we can't make an underworld crime drama which doesn't involve gratuitious violence, and nobody

underworld crime drama which doesn't involve gratuitous violence, and nobody is able to come up with a sitcom about everyday working-class life that simply makes us laugh?

These days everything has to have an agenda, and the budget seems to be spent on everything but the scriptwriters.

Maybe we should remember that while MacNee, Cole and Lewis are the names we remember, it was Brian Clemens, Leon Griffiths, Ronald Chesney and Ronald Wolfe who were the real forces behind our favourite programmes. The role hind our favourite programmes. The role of the producer and scriptwriter is very



Lenny Henry with his mum and family at home in Dudley



Sir Lenny at Henry Court with Caroline Reid



The comedian cuts a cake to mark Henry Court's 10 years

No place like home as Sir Lenny returns

Sir Lenny Henry was back in his hometown of Dudley for the premiere of his new TV drama. **CLARE BUTLER** met him

THERE'S no place like home for Sir Lenny.

His beaming smile showed his joy at being back in the Black Country.

Everyone knows the larger-than-life comic and television personality as a stand up, actor and the face of Comic Relief. But in Dudley, he

and the face of collections. But in budge, he is just Lenny.

The 56-year-old father was full of life as he arrived in his hometown for the screening of his self-penned television drama Danny and the Human Zoo

But before hitting the red carpet for the glamorous premiere, he took a walk a down memory lane.

He visited Henry Court retirement housing

named in memory of his mother Winifred – to help mark its 10th anniversary, a decade after he opened it.

His smile lit up the room as he had residents and managers howling of laughter, swapping between a comedic Jamaican and Dudley accent.

Banter

Ever the comic Lenny had the room in the palm of his hand as he treated guests to gags

with his razor-sharp wit.
Putting everyone at ease he even included

Putting everyone at ease he even included invited guests in the fun as he encouraged the room to join in.

Joking in the first opening lines of his speech he said: "It's very nice to be back at Henry Court and to see that they've put the Hoover around! I bet they thought 'Ooh we've got the Mayor coming, better tidy up!"

Lenny continued to banter with mayor of Dudley, Councillor Steve Waltho, even commenting on the amount of bling in the building as he sported his mayoral chains and the paper

as he sported his mayoral chains and the paper his speech was written on, saying 'where's the

In fits of laughter Councillor Waltho added:



Sir Lenny unveils a plaque at the centre named in honour of his late mother

"I think I'm going to have to throw my speech

"I think I'm going to have to throw my speech out the window!

"I get a lot of people asking me whether I get nervous doing speeches and meeting people, but never have I been in the presence of global superstar before like Sir Lenny.

"Let me just say what a privilege it is for us to be here today and to welcome back someone who has come from very humble beginnings."

Sir Lenny was the first child Winifred Henry.

Sir Lenny was the first child Winifred Henry had after moving to Britain from Jamaica. He was raised by Winifred and her husband Winston Henry, who died when the comedian was 19. Winifred died in 1998.

Growing up in Douglas Road near Buffery Park, Sir Lenny has gone on to global stardom. But his thoughts are never too far from home.

"Whenever I go out and about I always try to represent Dudley and put a few lines in about the town on my stand-up shows," he

said. "Although it gets a bad name sometimes, it's really not a bad place. On my way to get here driving down the high street I thought, there's some great people here. "I actually came back to Henry Court to film

my show Lenny's Britain a few years ago, and this place represented Dudley in such a good

"I helped out in the kitchen and went round to see some of the residents and had a right laugh – one man couldn't hear me because of his hearing aid settings, so we were shouting at each other for a bit.

at each other for a bit.

"But I also remember a lot of very happy people, eating Caribbean food sitting and chatting away and telling stories of yesterday."

Henry Court is one of the association's six retirement schemes. Sir Lenny opened the retirement housing scheme 10 years ago. It was named in honour of his mother, who was

of God of Prophecy, which founded Nehemiah United Churches Housing Association, which

United Churches Housing Association, which manages Henry Court.

Muriel Hylton, a day resident once a week, was eager to get a snap with Sir Lenny after the celebratory cake-cutting.

She explained how she was friends with his

Sne explained now sne was friends with his mother in her younger years.

Sir Lenny shared a joke with Muriel before putting his arms around her and posing with a big grin for half-a-dozen photographers.

"Lenny is lovely," she smilled. "His mum would be very proud if she was here today. He really loves his community and it shows in reverything he does. His mum was a lovely lady who always took time to help others. "Seeing Lenny on TV is always something special as it shows just how far he has come."

Joyce Thompson, craft activity worker at Henry Court, said: "I have worked here since

Henry Court, said: "I have worked here since it opened and it is just a vibrant place with a real family atmosphere.

"Lenny's mom would have been so inspired and touched if she was still with us.

"Sometimes you find that when someone gets as famous as Lenny they forget their proper roots, but he never has and has always remembered to come back and visit us."

Laugh

Caroline Reid, manager of Henry Court, said: "I personally asked Lenny to come back here for our birthday celebrations and he said of course he would.
"When he came to film for his show a few years back we sat here in the office and had a sight length."

right laugh.

right laugh.
"I grew up in Dudley too and I can just tell
that Lenny will always have that close connection with the town."
Lenny said: "My mom was a very proud

woman and she spent a lot of time in the com-munity and worked incredibly hard in the

"It was extremely touching for Henry Court to be named after her and I am thankful that her name has continued to be remembered in this way.

"On every occasion I return I like to see the work being done here. Not only within Henry Court, but within Dudley as whole."

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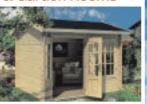
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False hype and promises over HS2 GREE entirely agree with the comonts from Natalie Bennett of The een Party in The Dudley Chronicle, gust 13. For many months I too have been Make no mistake, the purpose of mistake the pur

ments from Natalie Bennett of The Green Party in The Dudley Chronicle,

August 13. of wealth creation some 60 years later. For many months I too have been trying to alert politicians and business people alike to the fact that HS2 will only benefit London at the expense of in the recently announced expansion of the Midlands, but it seems that they have been brainwashed by all the hype and false promises.

The history of the railways clearly demonstrates that it was the ability to move freight quickly to and from the sea ports that created the wealth that

promised that 'Birmingham will be at the hub of the HS2 network' but if you look at the proposed route, Birming-ham has a stop on the main line and a single branch line apparently to NEC single branch line apparently to NEC and the airport. I must say, Mr Cam-eron has a very different concept of a 'hub' to that of most other people! M CLIFF Wall Heath

life in the slow lane

COULDN'T have made this up if I'd tried . . . my wife and I had been to B&Q, Halesowen and as we made our way back home a police vehicle fell in behind us.

My progress was halted by traffic lights at Colley Gate, whereby the police vehicle exhibited blue lights and

exhibited blue lights and the officer got out. My misdemeanour it appears that I had been driving too slowly. No further action was taken, but with a police vehicle stuck up your backside in a built-up area, would you break speed limits?
When you consider that she had tailed me for about three or four miles from the

three or four miles from the top of Mucklows Hill – on a route subject to speeding restrictions, accident blackrestrictions, accident black-spot warning signs, and with numerous speed cam-era alerts, you would be an idiot if you didn't drive dil-igently and keep within the prescribed speed limits. Her assertion of slow driving just doesn't make sense. doesn't make sense

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Biggest villain of democratic system

IT'S good to see that Bill Etheridge MEP has championed the cause to keep the Seven Stars pub in Sedgley open for business and showed the courage to take on a big super-market chain in the interests of local democracy.

market chain in the interests of local democracy.

The number one villain and public enemy to democracy is still the mysterious planning inspectorate.

Time after time local people form action groups, start petitions, lobby local councillors. Even MPs and MEPs celebrate thinking after months or years of campaigning they have won the battle to save something important to their areas, just to see all their hard work and campaigning overridden by the mystical planning inspectorate.

ridden by the mystical planning inspectorate.
Who is he? Where does he come from? Why has he the power to override the local councils and the elected representatives that residents placed their faith in to save their

why bother with the expense of local and national politicians when the planning inspectorate always has the final say? What happened to the Tories' localism act and giving more power to local people to decide the future of their

areas?

GEFANTHOM

Rankled by **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR** Where are our rights like EDL?

MORE often than not when the BNP and EDL have the BNP and EDL have their marches, the rate pay-er picks up the tab. The cost is picked up by the council and police force.

Yet some time ago our church wanted a small walk once a year on a Sun-day afternoon around a few streets in the area of our

streets in the area of our chapel, with hymns outside houses that had requested them, something that had been done for many years.

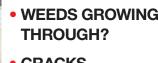
been done for many years.
We requested permission
from all authorities involved
but the police said we would
have to pay for an officer
and the closing of roads,
costing us several hundred
pounds.
The traditional short

The traditional short walk and sing has now stopped, the cost way above what we could afford. Where are our rights for a peaceful walk free of expense, when organisations like BNP & EDL cause damage, rubbish, offence and loss of trade, yet

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Suspended term for gang lookout

THE look out for a hole-in-the-wall gang in a £10,000 factory raid has been handed a suspended sentence.

Mark Worrall was recruited shortly

before the thieves struck at AA domestics in Hagley Road, Halesowen, Wolverhampton Crown Court was

Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

The 19-year-old also helped to unwrap some of the stolen goods and carry them to a waiting van, said Mr Nigel Stelling, prosecuting.

"Entry into the warehouse was

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achieved by knocking a hole in the wall. A rear door was then forced to allow the property to be removed," he

said. The raid occurred overnight on a Saturday and was discovered when the staff arrived for work on the Mon day morning. The overall loss was around £10,000 and the firm had only been able to recover £5.500 of this

been able to recover 10,000 of this through insurance cover.
Worrall's fingerprints were found on packaging removed from one of the stolen items and later found in-side the building. He had no previous convictions but had received a reprimand for attempted burglary and been warned after being found on enclosed premises, added Mr Stelling. "This is a young man with a pre-

dilection for this kind of offending," he added. Mr Christopher O'Gorman, defending, said: "He was asked to act as look out and then help to load the as look out and then help to load the van. He met the organiser in Banners Street, Colley Gate and was offered £50 to £60 for his help. He played his part but it was in no way either central or organisational."

Worrall from Mansons Close, Colley Gots admitted buydley and well was the control of the contr

ley Gate admitted burglary and was given eight months detention in a Young Offenders Institution suspended under supervision for 18 months with 180 hours unpaid work and £400 costs.

Questions raised over suspect's cell death

eoning a Black Country pensioner to death with a saucepan may have been segregated from other inmates before being found dead in his prison cell.

Leo Barnes was discovered hanging in his cell by prison of-ficers at HMP Hewell in Redditch in January.

He was accused of battering 80-yearold grandmother Cynthia Beamond to death at her Halesowen home before killing Philip Silverstone in London the next day.

Managed

He had been on trial over the deaths Wolverhampton Crown Court a eek before being found dead.

A pre-inquest review into Barnes' death at Worcestershire Coroner's Court in Stourport raised questions about how he was managed at HMP Hewell prior his death. Coroner Geraint Williams said: "I

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Leo Barnes

need to know more about the management of Mr Barnes before the turn of the year, from when he was incarcer-ated, dealing with his time in the seg-regation unit.

Cvnthia Beamond

regation unit.
"There are issues there that need to be explored."
Prison bosses will be questioned at a full inquest hearing in January, which is likely to last for six days.

The prison's head of security will also be questioned.

Mr Williams asked for medical and prisoner escort records to be presented to him before the full inquest. Barnes, 33, from Balsall Heath, Bir-

to him before the full inquest.
Barnes, 33, from Balsall Heath, Birmingham, had given evidence in court just days before he died. He had denied two counts of murder.

Before his death, the court heard how Barnes knew Mrs Beamond growing up as she lived on the same road as his grandparents. He was alleged to have killed her in her home.

The pensioner was found dead in her garage after her family grew concerned that they could not contact her and reported her missing. He was then said to have travelled to London and killed Mr Silverstone, who was 67 and a former next door neighbour.

Following Barnes' death, Mrs Beamond's daughter Beverley Hadley said: "We are devastated the man we believe is responsible for the brutal murder of my beloved mum is not going to face justice for this horrendous crime."

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Mr Williams adjourned the hearing ahead of a full inquest to take place, starting on January 11.

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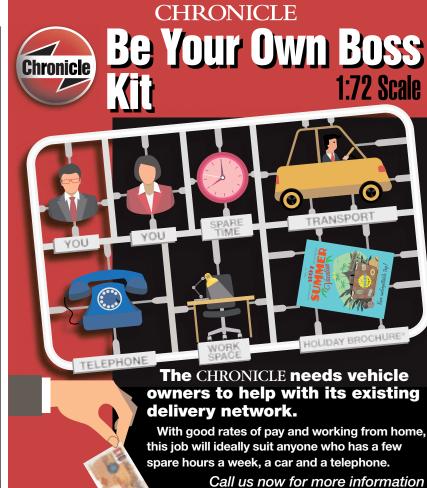
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Allotment scarecrows provide plots of fun

ed and used to scare birds away.

But allotment holders in Stour-bridge created their own scare-

crows to raise money for charity.
With a little artistic licence, members of Amblecote Allotments designed bers of Ambiecote Allouments designed their own scarecrows for a competition with their final outcomes celebrated at a fun day. More than 20 plot holders from the School Drive site took part in the com-

School Drive site took part in the competition with some spending days on their designs.

With a range of straw and clothing they ranged from 3ft to 7ft tall.

The winner was Jenny Hunt who came up with two gardeners, a male and female called Herb and Rose. The second place was of one boy and his second place was of one boy and his

dog. A festival was held at the allotments which has more than 100 plots.
The event included a barbecue, face The event included a barbecue, face painting and tombola with the aim of raising funds which could be passed on to Hall Green Retired Greyhound Trust and Wild Acre Rescue.

One of the retired greyhounds, Jim, aged six years-old is in need of a new home and featured at the festival.

Lettings secretary at Amblecote Allotments, Marie Whitehouse, said the scarecrow theme had gone down well.

"We were thinking what can we do that is associated with allotments that is a bit of fun," she said.

"They were really good, people put a lot of time in and really made an effort with their scarecrows."

with their scarecrows."

She added that there was a good atmosphere among those at the allotments, which have been running since

"It is very, very friendly, people who came from sites on Saturday said how friendly it is and community spirited. "Everybody helps each other."



A Princess Flsa scarecrow



One of the scarecrows on display





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Dumped trolley numbers rack up



Councillor Bryan Cotterill with one of the dumped trolleys at Saltwells Local Nature Reserve, Dudley

A COUNCILLOR has called for action over the number of supermarket trol-leys dumped around a nature reserve

in Dudley.

Up to 15 trolleys have been scattered across Saltwells Nature Reserve at Netherton over the last couple of

Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood Councillor Brian Cotterill said some-thing had to be done to eradicate the

"This is an enormous problem." he said. "They should be taking this far more seriously as they are all over the nature reserve and have previously been dumped in the nearby embank-

ments and canals. We have got to do something about this." In 2013, more than 20 trolleys were

In 2013, more than 20 trolleys were found scattered in about two weeks.

Warden Stephen Rowland said:
"These people just throw them in rivers and they are meshed, getting clogged up with leaves, creating a dam which could cause flooding in parts of Brierley Hill.

Flooded

"Wildlife gets trapped and we have to get into flooded culverts to get trol-leys out, which could put us all in dan-

ger."
Trolleys have an estimated scrap

value of around £3, where supermarkets are believed to pay around £100 for one trolley alone.

Neil Woodall, from Mason Metals Ltd in Brierley Hill, says responsible scrap dealers would only accept trol-leys if sellers can prove they are not

stolen.

A Sainsburys spokesman said: "We have pound coin slots fitted on our trolleys as an incentive for people to return them. We keep an eye out for trolleys left outside our premises and welcome customers letting us know about abandoned trolleys."

Asda Merry Hill said it was not aware of any trolleys going missing.

New head-spinning beer launched



From left, Nick Pritchard from Angel Ales, and Scott Povey of Fixed Wheel Brewery with the new Cyclone tipple

TWO Black Country breweries have launched a beer to Angel Ales, said: "We brewed Cyclone last Easter and the

TWO Black Country breweries have launched a beer to have your head spinning – called Cyclone. A total of 108 gallons (491 litres) of Cyclone have been brewed, a Triple IPA with 15 per cent alcohol content.

The idea is for the beer to stand out and promote creators Fixed Wheel Brewery and Angel Ales, located three miles apart in Halesowen. Nick Pritchard, co-owner of

Anger Ales, said: we brewed cyclone last baster and the idea is all about raising our profile."

The beer's next outing will be on Saturday when it features at two Birmingham pubs, BrewDog and The Welling-

It then hopes to be rolled out at a new venue each month including at the Waggon & Horses in Halesowen.

ake firm boss says so

will investigate the sudden closure of a wedding catering company which has left

hig company which has left hundreds out of pocket. More than 2,500 people have joined a Facebook group for those affected by the closure of the Halesowen-based Bake A Cake.

Company owner Lisa Holt has claimed she had had a series of personal and business problems which have affected the business. She said: "I'm sorry. If I could change it I would.

I am trying to rectify the situation and would prefer to pay people back and not force insolvency."

Bake A Cake announced on Facebook it would not be able to honour orders that have been booked in.

Miss Holt said: "I informed Dudley Trading Standards myself and I also notified the police myself.

Parents

"They may investigate me for fraud and my business dealings but I have no lavish life and my parents have even been ploughing-in money. This can be verified as well."

date about refunds later in the week, but their Facebook page would be closed down 'to reduce the amount of

harassment we are experiencing.

Dudley Council's trading standards team has been contacted. No-one was available for comment but the issue is being investigated.

More than a dozen firms have come fewrourd offering council

forward offering support and discounts for those affected by the sud-

den closure.

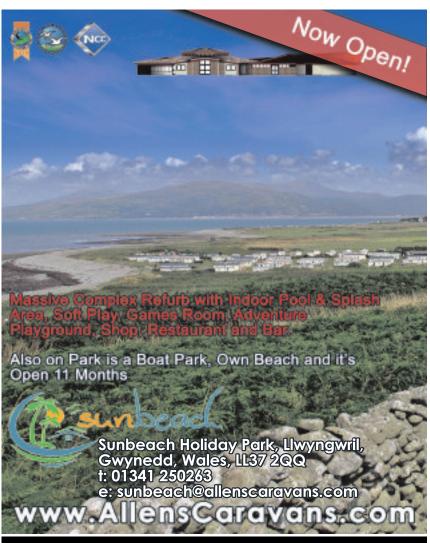
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Temporary child services boss paid £800 per day

been brought in to run children services at Dudley Council - at a

cost of £800 a day.

Merlin Joseph has been taken on as interim chief officer for children's services

while the council continues its hunt for a permanent member of staff.

The appointment comes as it emerged the authority has yet to fully address failings highlighted by Ofsted.

Dudley's Ukip group leader has hit out at the high salary. But council bosses say

at the high salary. But council bosses say children's services are top priority. Dudley Council was told to make improvements within three to six months of an 'adequate' inspection by Ofsted in 2012. Councillor Ian Cooper, who oversees children's services, admitted improvements are yet to be fully implemented. He said progress had 'not been as quick as we would expect' in tackling issues highlighted. Ukip group leader Paul Brothwood has written to Ofsted with his concerns over the department and has also criticised Ms Joseph's pay.

Joseph's pay.

"We are paying out a lot of money and there are still outstanding problems from the Ofsted report three and a half years ago," he said.

ago," he said.

"I will expect a massive turnaround in performance to ensure we get value for

performance to ensure we get value for money."

Ms Joseph has been employed from an agency as chief officer to head the children's services department on a temporary basis – paying £800-a-day for her services. Deputy Dudley Council leader Councillor Judy Foster, said: "The care and development of children across the borough is one of our top priorities and therefore it is essential we take our time to find the right person for the role of chief officer for chilperson for the role of chief officer for chil-

person for the role of chief officer for chi-dren's services.

"In the meantime, we have taken on a highly skilled interim chief officer to drive forward this work and continue with our ambition to make this authority a national

Names with lynx to letter D



Lynx twins Dante and Dakota taken by Karen Edwards

DUDLEY Zoo has discovered its their parents and their brothers and new Carpathian lynx twins are boys – and has named them Dante and

The cuddly duo were named by big cat keepers, in line with the tradition of all the family's names beginning with the letter D.

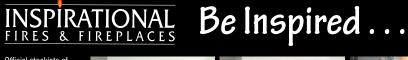
The pair were born to parents Daisy and Dave on May 20 and have one-year-old siblings called Dick, Dom and Daphne. Neil Flockhart, senior keeper at the zoo, said the playful boys were having lots of fun together and entertaining visitors with their antics.

He said: "The young twins see

mer parents and their brothers and sister playing on the glass pyramid in their enclosure and have started copying them. They absolutely love climbing over the glass which is a real treat for visitors in the viewing area."

Dante and Dakota were weighed and given their first inoculations by zoo vet Peter Stewart and curator Richard Brown.

The Carpathian lynx is thought to be a sub-species of the Eurasian lynx. These cats range from the Carpathian Mountains and in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia, Macedonia and Greece.







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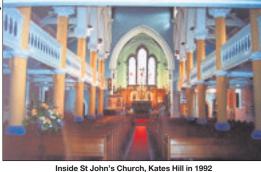


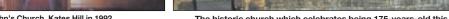




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Work being done on the grounds by volunteer Martin Horwood



Work beginning on St John's in 2011, two years after the building was granted listed status

Future looks bright as church turns 175

A HISTORIC church in the heart of the Black Country has overcome a troubled recent past to mark 175 years

of worship.
A dedicated group of parishioners is now working to re-establish St John's Church, in Kates Hill, Dudley, as a community focal

The church was once home to a The church was once home to a thriving congregation, but after the building's condition began to deteriorate in 2002, Worcester Diocese made the decision to close the Victorian church for good.

The once-proud building fell into disrepair and its fate seemed sealed when it was earmarked for demolition.
The outlook was grim. but 13

The outlook was grim, but 13 years on, the future is finally looking brighter for the church in its anniver-sary year – thanks to the volunteers, determined to preserve the building.

A group working to save St Johns was established in 2007 and since then

has worked tirelessly to raise enough money to save the site.

Although the building was deemed

unsafe in 2002 after structural prob-lems were identified more recent

lems were identified more recent surveys have found it's in a better condition than originally thought.

The building was granted Grade II listed status in 2009 and the following year the preservation group upped its fundraising activities by setting up a stall on Dudley Market, bringing in up to £200 a week. The operation has now moved into a former charity shop, in Highview Street, Kates Hill, where it continue to raise funds for the church's refurbishment and re-open-

ing. Earlier this year the group gained permission to take over the Listed building and re-open it for Christian worship, tourism and community use. As of June this year the group's re-

serve funds were just under £20,000 with ready finances standing at around £17,000. Members want to keep the church as unaltered as possible, but will restore some of the old features.

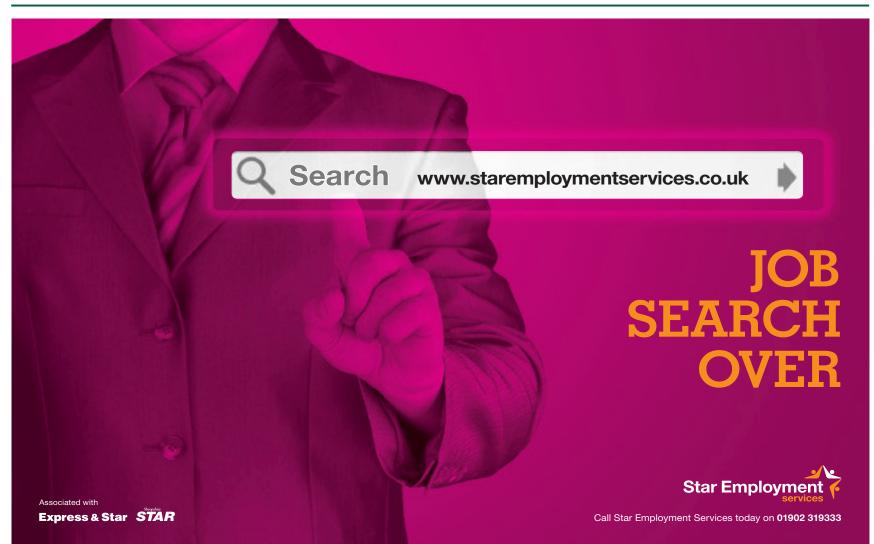
some of the old features.

Preservation group treasurer Keith
Jefferies said: "Once we get the keys
we want to start restoration as soon as
possible, I believe a lot of plaster has
come off the walls and things like that.
We want it back to its former glory."
The group also hopes to eventually
reinstall some of the historic items
such as the windows, plaques, altaand worship artefacts, which were

and worship artefacts, which were taken out of the church when it closed. Deb Brownlee, of St Johns Church Preservation Group, said: "We had hoped the church would be up and running by now but due to some legal circumstances we've had to take our

"We are getting there bit by bit and the future certainly looks a lot brighter. We have ploughed away at all this for over eight years, and we aren't going to give up now." Fundraisers including Deb Brownlee at a fundraising event to mark the church's anniversary milestone





Counterfeit trader must pay back £69,000 gains

A BLACK Country trader who pocketed nearly £70,000 by selling counterfeit DVDs over the internet has been ordered to pay back all the money.

Simon Newby, who was director at Sinew Enterprises Ltd, benefited to the tune of £69,521, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

The 33-year-old, from Bickon Drive, Quarry Bank, has been ordered to pay

computers, printers and 1,800 counterfeit DVDs were seized.

At the time, the court was told Newby had originally set up a legitimate business selling car cleaning chemicals. But the profits from selling

Mr Simon Williams, defending, requested the full three months to repay.

available to him

Pyrotechnics Firm blazes a Winning trail Winning trail Winning trail Winning trail The Baker Act and was jailed for 16-months in June 2014. Raids had been carried out by Dudley Trading Standards at his business premises in Dudley Road, Brierley Hill, and at home. Burning towers, computers, printers and 1.800 counterparts and the properties of th winning trail

A PYROTECHNICS company has made a bang after winning gold at a prestigious festival competition con-

made a bang after winning goid at a prestigious festival competition considered 'the Olympics of fireworks'. Kingswinford's Jubilee Fireworks wowed the judges at the L'International des Feux - Loto Quebec event, receiving the Golden Jupiter Trophy. Around eight or nine of the world's leading companies are invited to compete against each other at the annual event - with the displays judged by a public jury. Firms from across the globe, including China, France, Italy, Canada and the USA, took part.

The company, based at Dawley Trading Estate, went all out with a display featuring more than 6,000 fireworks. It was designed by Andrew Wiggins, of Kingswinford, who has worked for the company for 15 years.

Managing director of Jubilee Chris Pearce said the firm was delighted to have achieved the accolade.

have achieved the accolade.

"It is a wonderful achievement and we are very proud," he said.

Donations given to dog charities



Ian Rowson and daughter Hollie from Cowley Drive, Dudley, with dogs Lucy and Basil

DONATIONS raised at the funeral of an animal-loving woman who was killed in a road crash have been given to two dogs homes.

chemicals. But the profits from selling the DVDs had become so great they overtook the legitimate business. Newby used false names when setting up websites and accounts, which he claimed was done to stop junk mail. The DVDs were sold between October 2008 and April 2010.

Newby admitted seven counts of applying a sign identical to a registered trademark and a further seven counts of selling items with a sign which could be mistaken for a registered trademark. The remaining 14 counts were possession of goods with a sign identical to a registered trademark. Mr Mark Jackson, prosecuting on behalf of Dudley Council, said: "The defendant benefited to the sum of 269,521 and that is exactly the amount two dogs homes.

Former Chronicle delivery woman Lorraine Rowson, aged 51, was killed in Upper Gornal last August, when her bike was struck by a HGV.

Her family – husband, 51-year-old Network Rail worker Ian and daughter £69,521 and that is exactly the amount

Hollie have respected her final wishes by splitting the £2,200 that was donated be-tween Ruff Luck Dog Rescue in Nuneaton and K9 Rescue in Tenerife

One of the Rowsons' muchone of the Rowsons' much-loved pets, their cross Lucy, came into the family when they found her wandering around on the Canary Island.

she handed over the cash to

Lucy fitted into family life perfectly and works well with the family's other dog Basil, who was brought from the rescue home in Nuneaton.

Care worker Mrs Rowson delivered The Chronicle in the streets around her home in Cowley Drive, and some of the homes on her round donated to her funeral collection.



Health report 15 highlights trust failings

HEALTH bosses in Dudley had to pay out £10,00 after a report highlighted a series of failings.

a series of failings.

The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman report shows the impact public service failures and poor complaint handling in the NHS and UK government departments can have on the public.

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust paid compensation to the family of a patient who died in 2012 after being admitted to hospital with abdominal pains.

abdominal pains.

An investigation found his death

An investigation found his death had been avoidable. It found failings in communication between staff and his family about his needs and treatment. The report added doctors failed to arrange daily blood tests to monitor his response to treatment.

It added: "There was no indication that Mr P's condition was irreversible and if he had received appropriate medical and nursing care, it was more likely than not that he would have lived. On the balance of probabilities, his death was avoidable."

The NHS trust apologised for its failings and put together an action plan to bring in improvements.

Trust spokesman Jackie Dietrich said: "We accept that we did not, at the time, take into full consideration Mr P's needs as a patient with learning disabilities."

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DOGS HOME

the late Sir Alfred Gooch Bart in New Canal Street, Birmingham, Sadly this building, which over a century later still had 'Birmingham Home for Lost and Starving Dogs' proudly displayed above its doors, was destroyed in a fire during 2014 - but from the foundations established at this humble building, the charity continues to exist and grow.

Almost 100 years after the charities founding - in 1987 - the Duchess of York officially opened the new Bartholomew Street home, which had been purposebuilt to provide shelter and protection for over 150 abandoned dogs in comfortable kennel blocks with adjacent facilities, such as its own vets' clinic, puppy unit and isolation block.

The home is a charity which can only survive through the generosity and support of the general public and benefactors from the local community. Without this we would be unable to carry on the vital work of rescuing and rehoming abandoned

The tremendous help given over the years has allowed us to improve and extend our facilities and, therefore, our ability to care for these unfortunate former pets.

While the Birmingham site houses our head office, our second site - Sunnyside Kennels - in Coven, Wolverhampton, is a showpiece 21st century home built at the cost of £2m and opened in September 2002.

Sunnyside houses 100 strays in stateof-the-art accommodation complete with veterinary consulting room and isolation unit for dogs requiring special, one-toone care and treatment.

In recent years the charity recognised that the facilities offered by our rehoming centre in Digbeth were falling behind the expected standard of a modern animal welfare establishment. With very little room to expand the existing home the Trustees decided to find a new location for the centre on the South side of Birmingham, a site that can enhance the service provided by the charity now and for years to come.

After looking at 65 potential sites the Trustees agreed to purchase a 12.45 acre site situated on Catherine de Barnes Lane, Solihull. The site is in the Green Belt, so a very detailed environmentally considerate design had to be put together if the charity had any hope of gaining the necessary

Birmingham Dogs Home was founded planning approval from Solihull Council. Such a scheme was compiled and on the 10th July 2013 planning approval was granted for the construction of a £5.5M Animal Welfare Centre.

> On the 22nd September 2014 work began on site with the new home opening in July/Aug 2015. The Centre will comprise of 130 large kennels with under floor heating, veterinary suite, education / community centre and superb staff facilities. The 12.45 acre site gives plenty of room, for volunteers and supporters looking to find their new companion, to walk dogs in open countryside.

> Birmingham Dogs Home recognises that none of this would be possible without the loyal long standing support of the people of Birmingham, Solihull and the West Midlands

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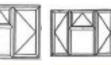
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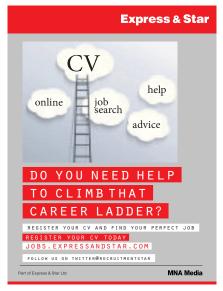






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what sets us apart from our competitors is that we have parks within our group that can match most holiday home owner's needs," said Alwyn Jones, founder of the business and father to Wayne and Glenn who both run their own Bestparks.

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touring park near Ludlow and Rock-bridge Park at Presteigne which also has park homes for sale.

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Check out full listings in the ticket in Friday's Express & Star

Monkee business at Moseley festival

BACK in the Sixties they were America's answer to The Beatles and now two of the grand-daddies of the manufactured boy band the Monkees will be headlining on the final day of the annual Moseley Folk Festival which runs from Friday September 4 to Sunday 6.

Peter Tork and Mickey Dolenz won't exactly be jumping on the last train but they will be bring-ing an air of nostalgia to the popular Birmingham event which is marking its 10th anniversary this

year.
They are among another impressive line up of folk and acoustic artists who will be keeping the crowds entertained over the three days.
The line up includes former Supergrass lead singer Gaz Coombes who has taken up a solo career, Spiritualized – who are a rock band from Warwickshire – known for its constantly changing line up behind lead member Jason Pierce, Scottish Indie rock band Jason Pierce, Scottish Indie rock band Idlewild, award-winning sisters The Unthanks and Texan choir The Poly-phonic Spree, who bring their unique brand of music based around a variety of vocal techniques.

There is a real treat for veteran folkies too as legends Martin Carthy and Dave Swarbrick, two of the most respected musicians on the scene, join

the Sunday shows.
Other musicians who have been making a big impression on the scene and will be bringing something



Mickey Dolenz and Peter Tork of The Monkees will headline on Sunday

for everyone include John Smith. Du Blonde, Anna Calvi, Stick In The Wheel, Josienne Clarke & Ben Walker, The Cadbury Sisters and

The festival also runs many work-shops based around music and tra-

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There are a wide range of party, in-dividual and day ticket prices so for more information visit www.moseley



All talk from comic Carr CHATTY man Alan Carr has embarked on his first stand-up tour in three years – and pledges it will be his most intimate

yet.
Following on from previous live shows Spexy Beast and Tooth
Fairy, the award-winning comedian and TV host embarked on
the 120-date tour in February and will perform in the Midlands,
with three nights in Birmingham and another in Wolverhampton

Born in Weymouth, Dorset, Carr spent most of his childhood living in Northampton, where his father Graham managed the town's league football team. He moved to Manchester to kick-start his comedy career in his 20s.

Established

Having landed his big break on The Friday Night Project, Carr has gone on to present Celebrity Ding Dong and Going Out With Alan Carr on Radio 2. He's branched out into film with a role in Nativity! and, after 13 years as host of Channel 4 talk show Chatty Man, Carr has established

13 years as host of Channel 4 talk show Chatty Man, Carr has established himself as one of the nation's favourite entertainers.

Carr admits he steered clear of big arenas in favour of smaller venues as he wanted to get more up close and personal with his loyal fanbase.

And he believes Yap Yap Yap is his most intimate show to date as co-habiting with his partner provides the bulk of his material.

Fans can catch Alan Carr at the Birmingham Hippodrome from September 10-12. Tickets are £30.

Call 0844 338 5000 for details. The Wolverhampton date is at the Civic Hall on September 26. Tickets are £33. Call 0870 320 7000 or e-mail boxoffice@wolvescivic.co.uk

Kielty going back to comedy roots

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IRISH funnyman Patrick Kielty is going back to his stand-up roots – and will take in Birming-

roots - and will take in Birming-ham during his latest tour.

The Northern Irish comic, husband of West Bromwich-born TV presenter Cat Deeley, will take to the road during he au-tumn for his new show, Help.

Presenting material per-formed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, he will, with a little bit of guidance from the audience, attemnt to rewrite the modern

attempt to rewrite the modern rule book for love, life and hap-

piness.
Fans in the second city can catch the show at the Glee Club, Hurst Street, on Sunday, Octo-

ber 25. Tickets are £16.

TOWIE star takes to the catwalk

TOWIE star turned TV presenter Mark Wright is fashioning a

er Mark Wright is lashforming a new career as a catwalk host. The former I'm a Celebrity contestant has announced his appearance at Style Birming-

ham Live next month.

He will host all eight catwalk shows at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery's Gas Hall on Saturday and Sunday, Septem-ber 26 and 27.

The shows will display the

latest autumn/winter styles and high street collections and will feature style advice by experts.

Mark said: "I am a big fan of
Birmingham."

Tickets include show entry, a drink and goody bag.

Huxley's classic gets a new run

LAND Girls actress Sophie Ward will star in a new stage ward will star in a new stage adaptation of Aldous Huxley's Brave New World at the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton. First published in 1932, Brave New World is considered to be

one of the finest dystopian nov-els of the 20th century. It is set 600 years into the future when human life has been almost en-

human life has been almost entirely industrialised.

The latest production, written by award-winning playwright Dawn King, shows at the Lichfield Street theatre from November 3 to 7.

Ward also appeared as Elizabeth Hardy in the Young Sherlock Holmes



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Shabby chic - The Oddfellows is worth the trip

Place to be for great pub grub

NOTHING stands still for long By Sarah Moran these days. Even pubs, seen by many as part of the very fabric of traditional British culture, have seen a huge shift in their role in our lives.

The local boozer with its red flock stools. sticky bar mats, cheese and onion crisps and a low-hanging smog of exhaled smoke, are a thing of the past.

Many of those which have survived have

Many of those which have survived have moved towards becoming increasingly family-friendly places and have gone down the route of offering the peckish customer more than just a ham sandwich or a packet of scratchings. And one pub I've watched move with times is The Oddfellows at

move with times is The Oddienows at Compton.
Outside, the imposing building looks quite different with a subdued grey-green paint job giving it a more shabby-chic look, which some of my girlfriends had previously commented they weren't sure of, whilst my teenage daughter said she thought it looked great. So I'll take it from that that it's an improvement. As we walked up the steps

and under the distinctive canopy which runs round much of the outside of the pub, a chalkboard declares that Mark and his team welcomed us. And both times, when I came in to book and then when we came to dine we were greeted within less than a

And the efficient service continued as Amy, our waitress, arrived with a smile and the offer of a drink just as we had settled into our seats

into our seats.

The pub has pretty much retained the same layout as before although the bar now has an added section containing the new rotisserie. The décor too has been given a facelift. Last time we were here there was a build-a-burger option which my son remembered fondly, not least because it gave him the chance to add his favourite food, bacon. This time was decided to shore a classic. the chance to add his favourite food, pacon. This time we decided to share a classic combo, with its onion rings, breaded mushrooms, garlic bread, spicy wedges barbecue sauce and soured cream, while the little man, who recently has lost his own appetite and found a horse's, claimed a starter

of his own and went for the cheese nachos. or ms own and went for the cheese nachos. These came with salsa, guacamole soured cream and, of course, cheese. The sliced red chillis on top proved a bit too much for him so, dad with stepped in to ensure nothing went to waste.

We devoured our own combo which hand-live amain portions easily divisible by these

We devoured our own combo which handily came in portions easily divisible by three and proved just the right amount to set us up for our mains.

We'd been quite torn about what to choose as the menu ranges from the classics, or Oddfellows Regulars.

The little man remained true to form and went for one of the gourmet burgers, namely the Yee-hal Burger, a spicy combination of pulled pork and beef chilli with Monterrey Jack cheese.

There's an option to add bits and bobs including bacon and French brie but the he decided against this, which turned out to be

including bacon and French brie but the he decided against this, which turned out to be a good decision as his portion, served with skins-on chips, coleslaw and onion rings almost proved too much. But dad again stepped up to the plate.

I decided to go for something a little lighter and had the succulent Cajun Salmon which had a nice kick of spice and

My husband decided to give the rotisserie a try and had the Bourbon Apple Chicken. The half chicken portion came smothered in a moreish sticky chilli barbecue sauce, served up with buttered corn and coleslaw and fries

Our daughter also sampled what the rotisserie had to offer with the Two Way Chicken Burger with a tasty Thai sweet chilli marinade option, again served with fries, slaw and onion rings. And like the rest of us, she happily cleared her plate. But we weren't done for yet and plumped for puddings. Again I opted for a slightly lighter selection with a zingy Sicilian lemon tart, although I must admit I was coveting the little man's melt-in-the-middle chocolate pudding. which tasted as yummy as Our daughter also sampled what the

the little man's melt-in-the-middle chocolate puddling, which tasted as yummy as it looked. And I also tried a corner of the husband's ginger cheesecake which was a really lovely thing.

And so was our meal. Well cooked food

in friendly surroundings and a menu which offers plenty of choice. Judging on how busy it always seems to be The Oddfellows is certainly hitting the mark.

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"Tasty"

Ameena is very flexible, if there is something that their customers would like that is not on the menu they have experienced team of chefs who are happy to help. The chefs have a wealth of knowledge, over 60 years combined, which helps create these tasty dishes.

Ameena have recently been awarded a certificate of excellence award from Trip Advisor. This award is for businesses that continue to receive high recommendations on the quality of their service. It is possible to see from the dinner's quotes below that the award is truly deserved. Mr Miah and his team would like to thank all their customers who have left reviews on the site.

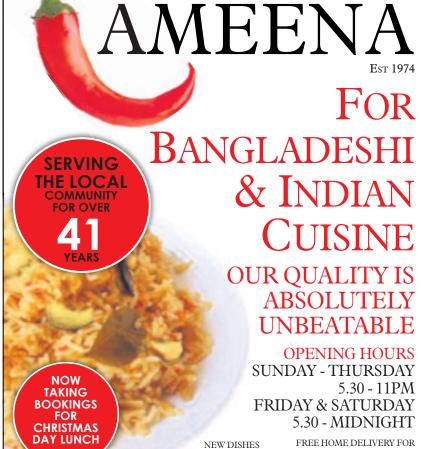
"Spur of the moment out"

WOW!!! Great food, great service, great prices and wonderful staff. We had no reservation, but were accommodated quickly even though they were busy. Loved everything about The Ameena

"Fantastic"

The best place in Halesowen for a curry bar far. Great food, great menu (if there's something not on the menu they will make it for you and if you would like any extra ingredients they will do that too.) They made me a Madras Korma and it was awesome.





ADDED TO OUR MENU

CHOICE



Rita Ora

The X Factor

(ITV, 8pm) New series. The talent show returns for its 12th series with Radio One DJ Nick Grimshaw and singer-songwriter Rita Ora joining Simon Cowell and Cheryl Fernandez-Versini on the judging panel. New presenting duo Caroline Flack and Olly Murs host as the search for a potential music star with an amazing voice and that extra special something begins. Tonight's edition will see the start of the auditions, as hopefuls perform in front of the judges and an arena audience of thousands in the hone of securing a place at Boot Camp

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 Football Focus. 12.00 BBC News: Weather 12.10 Live Athletics: World Championships. Further coverage of day eight at the Bird's Nest Stadium in Beijing. 2.30 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Hull Kingston Rovers v Leeds Rhinos (Kick-off 3.15pm). 5.25 Flim: Wallace & Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit. (2005) Oscar-winning animated adventure, with the voice of Peter Sallis. 6.45 BBC News.

6.45 BBC News. 6.55 Regional Programme

- 0.30 Hegional Programme.
 7.00 Pointless Celebrities. New series.
 Alexander Armstrong presents the general knowledge quiz as famous faces from BBC radio programme Test Match Special take part, featuring Graeme Swann and Alison Mitchell, Michael Vaughan and Phil Tufnell, Melinda Farrell and Pnil lutnell, Melinda Farrell and Jonathan Agnew, and Ebony Rainford-Brent and Henry Blofeld. The famous faces try to come up with the least likely correct answers to a series of questions posed to members of the public. Co-presenter Richard Osman has all the answers. all the answers
- all the answers.

 7.50 The National Lottery: Five Star Family Reunion. A UK family and their long-lost overseas relatives must work together in order to win a once-in-a-lifetime reunion in a five-star location. The overseas family have the power operations of the star location. family must answer questions to win time for their relatives in the UK studio, who will then individually answer questions against the clock. Nick Knowles hosts. Includes the all-importar hosts. Includes the all-important
- weekend draw.

 8.45 Casualty. Part one of two. More than one member of the hospital staff lights for their life after Zoe and Max's wedding reception, while gang violence takes a deadly turn in the department.

 9.35 Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes fears be family is ladanging to send her.
- her family is planning to send her to a nursing home, when in fact it is Spartacus the dog who is set to be sent away. (R) 10.05 BBC News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Newcastle United v Arsenal and Chelsea v Crystal Palace; National Lottery Update

11.55 Weather for the Week Ahead.

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6.00 Film: The Westerner. (1940) 7.35 Film: Big Jim McLain. (1952) 9.00 More Film: Big Jim McLain. (1952) 9.00 More Creatures Great and Small. (R) 9.30 More Creatures Great and Small. (R) 10.00 The Women's Football Show. (R) 10.30 Live Athletics: World Championships: 12.10 Great British Menu. (R) 1.10 Great British Menu. (R) 12.40 Great British Menus. (R) 12.40 Great British Menus. (R) 17.40 Great British Menus. (R) 14.00 Musicals: Talking Pictures. 2.25 Film: That's Entertainment! (1974) 4.30 Final Score. 5.30 Gardeners' World. (R)

- 6.00 Athletics: World Championships Highlights. Gabby Logan presents action from day eight at the Bird's Nest Stadium in Beijing, including the men's 5,000m and men's and women's 4x100m relays.
- 7.00 Proms Extra 2015. Katie Derham looks at the musical highs from the past week in the Royal Albert Hall, and focuses on Bach, Nielsen and Big Band Swing.
- 7.40 Edwardian Farm. The team tries to harvest the oat crop but work is disrupted by rain. When they finally manage to bring in the crop, the town celebrates with a fete. Last in the series. (R)
- 8.40 Dad's Army. Wilson is put in charge of the platoon when HQ discover that Mainwaring is not a commissioned officer and must oin the ranks as a private. (R)
- 9.10 Sue Perkins' Big Night Out, Sue Sue Perkins' Big Night Out. Sue hosts a special programme rounding up highlights from this year's Edinburgh festivals, with guests Phill Jupitus, Nina Conti, Katherine Ryan, Adam Hills and rock supergroup FFS.
- Tock subgraph Proc.

 10.10 Comedy Connections. The story behind The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin, charting the adaptation of David Nobbs's darkly comic books into an unexpected sitcom success. (R)
- sitcom success. (R)

 10.40 The Fall and Rise of Reginald
 Perrin. The first episode of the
 classic 1970s comedy, starring
 Leonard Rossiter as a middle-aged Leonard Hossiter as a minotile-agee executive stuck in a rut and eager to learn the real meaning of life. Repeated to mark the recent death of writer David Nobbs. (R) 11.10 Jack Dee – So What? A 2013
- tackles life's petty annoyances and everyday frustrations. (R)

12.15 Live Athletics: World Championships. 3.15 This Is BBC Two

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! 6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.45 Dino Dan. (R) 7.05 Canimals. (R) 7.05 Canimals. (R) 7.05 Canimals. (R) 7.35 Super 4. (R) 7.45 Fish Hooks 8.00 Young Justice: Invasion. (R) 8.25 TIV News 8.30 Weekend 9.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 10.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 12.25 TIV News, Weather. 12.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 13.35 Tipping Point. (R) 2.35 You've Been Framed (R) 3.05 The Chass. (R) 4.05 Film: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. (1971) Musical fantasy, with Gene Wilder.

- 6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.
 6.15 ITV News; Weather.
 6.30 You've Been Framed! Harry Hill
- narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers. (R)

 7.00 Keep It in the Family. Six Coronation Street stars face the drop and bell ringing act from Canada performs as families from Sunderland and Bradford compete. Fun game show, hosted by Bradley Walsh.
- 8.00 The X Factor. New series. The talent show returns for its 12th series with Radio One DJ Nick Grimshaw and singer-songwriter Rita Ora joining Simon Cowell and Cheryl Fernandez-Versini on the Cheryl Fernandez-Versini on the judging panel. New presenting duo Caroline Flack and Olly Murs host as the search for a potential music star with an amazing voice and that extra special Something begins. Tonight's edition will see the start of the auditions, as hopefuls perform in front of the judges and an argen audience of judges and an arena audience of thousands in the hope of securing a place at Boot Camp. Continues on ITV1 tomorrow at 8pm.
- 9.30 Through the Keyhole. New series Keith Lemon visits mystery Hudyin the repriner, lever services, seek the temon visits mystery celebrity homes and challenges this week's panel — Gino D'Acampo, Sue Cleaver and Johnny Yegas — to guess the identities of the famous owners.

 10.30 IT N News; Weather:

 10.45 Film: The Bourne Ultimatum. (2007) The amnesiac assassin regains his memory, just as a ClA director sets in motion a plan to kill him. Spy thriller sequel, starring Matt Damon, Juila Stiles and David Stratharn.

12.45 Jackpot247. 3.00 Show Me the Telly. (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 6.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.00 Long Course Weekend. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.30 The Simpsons. (R) 12.00 The Simpsons. (R) 12.30 The Simpsons. (R) 1.20 Everybook. (R) 1.30 The Simpsons. (R) 1.30 The Simpsons. (R) 1.00 The Simpsons. (R) 1.30 The Simpsons. (R) 1.00 The Simpsons. (R)

- 6.10 Come Dine with Me. It is the final evening in Milton Keynes and the turn of competitive salesman Simon to host. He plans for an evening of fine dining, but had not expected sabotage from his quests. (R)
- 6 35 Channel 4 News
- Channel 4 News.
 Great Canal Journeys. Veteran
 actors Timothy West and Prunella
 Scales head to Llangollen,
 Dentipinshire, where they spent
 their toneymoon. Reminiscing
 over how their relationship has
 survived and thrived over the past
 50 years, the pair take in the
 picturesque sights of the Vale of
 Llangollen and the Montgomery
 Canal before travelling on a horse-
- Llangollen and the Montgomery Canal, before travelling on a horse-drawn barge up the Horseshoe Falls. Walking Through History. Tony Robinson goes on a four-day trek through the Kintall region of the Highlands, examining the story of the early 1700s Jacobite uprisings along the way. (R) 9.00 Film: Side Effects. (2013)
- Premiere. A psychiatrist prescribes an experimental new drug to a patient suffering from depression, which seems to miraculously resolve her miraculously resolve ner psychological problems. However it also results in sleepwalking and disturbing personality changes, with consequences that could destroy the doctor's life. Thriller, starring Jude Law
- starring Jude Law.

 1.10 Film: Unknown. (2011) A doctor wakes up from a coma to find another man is claiming to be him, and any evidence of his real identity has disappeared. Thriller, starring Liam Neeson.

 1.20 Film: Stranger by the Lake. (2013)

 3.10 Hollyoaks. (R) 5.25 1001 Things You Should Know. (R) 5.59 How I Met Your Mother. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 SpongeBob SquarePants. 10.35 Access. 10.50 SquarePants. 10.35 Access. 10.50 Film: When Hell Broke Loose. (1958) 1.25 Film: Patton. (1970) Second World War biopic, starring George C Scott. 4.45 Film: Operation: Daybreak. (1975) Fact-based Second World War frama, starring Timothy Bottoms and Martin Shaw.

7 NN 5 News Weekend

- 7.05 The Nightmare Neighbour Next
 Door. The documentary focuses
 on two disputes that developed
 from complaints about noisemaking to become far more serious quarrels, one of which took a tragic, life-changing turn
- took a tragic, ine-challying tim.

 (R)

 8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.
 Paul Bohill and Ben Pinner are
 called in to evict squatters from a
 residential property, and it soon
 becomes clear that things are not
 quite what they seem. Brian
 O'Shaughnessy and Graham
 Aldred arrive at a restaurant in
 north London to collect unpaid
 rent, but the situation becomes
 heated and the debtors make
 accusations to the police that
 could run the High Court
 enforcement agents' careers. (R)

 9.00 Football League Tonioth. Kelly
- enforcement agents' careers. (R)

 9.00 Football League Tonight. Kelly
 Cates and George Riley present
 extended highlights of the
 weekends top matches, as well as
 all the goals from the
 Championship, League One and
 League Two, including Derby
 County V. Leeds United, Sheffield
 Wednesday v Middlesbrough and
 Nottingham Forest V. Cardiff City.
 Plus, a round-up of the main
 talking points, and interviews with
 a selection of players and
 managers.
- 10.30 Celebrity Big Brother. Highlights of the famous residents' past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, as they try to get used to their housemates' quirks and foibles while also coping with the day-to-day complications of life inside the house.
- 11.30 Tatoo Dissaters UK. People who regret their tattoos share the stories behind them, including a woman who was desperate to erase a former partner's name from her wrist. (R)

 12.00 SuperCasino. 3.10 Celebrity Big Brother. (R) 4.00 Transporter: The

Series. 4.50 Make It Big. (R) 5.45 Angels of Jarm. (R)

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BBC Three
7.00 Don't Tell the Bride 8.00 Top Gear India Special 9.30 Film: Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (2010) 11.20 Family Guy 1.40 Top Coppers 2.10 Fried 2.40 Russell Howard's Good News 3.10 Impractical Jokers 3.40 Sunny D 4.00 Close

7.00 Giant Otters of the Amazon: Natural World 8.00 Sicily Unpacked 9.00 The Young Montalbano 10.40 Metallica @ Reading 2015 12.10 Heavy Metal Britannia 1.40 Classic Albums 2.35 Giant Otters of the Amazon: Natural World 3.35 Close

ITV2

12.00 The X Factor: Nick & Rita's Top 10

1.05 Film: Kangaroo. Jack (2003) 2.50
Film: Homeward Bound It Lost in San Francisco (1996) 4.40 A Night in with Olly Murs 5.45 The X Factor: Your Top Fee 6.45
Film: Hulk (2003) 9.30 The Xtra Factor

10.35 Film: American Pie Presents Band Camp (2005) 12.25 Film: Mickey Blue Eyes (1999) 2.30 Ritotn: The Hot Desk 2.40
Teleshopping 5.40 ITV2 Nightscreen

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12.05 Sherlock Holmes: The Hound of the Baskervilles 2.20 Wycliffe 3.25 A Touch of Frost 5.25 Film: Columbo: Fade in Murder (1976) 7.00 Doc Martin 8.00 Lewis 10.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 12.00 Wire in the Blood 1.30 On the Buses 1.55 Movies Nov 2.05 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshonpia. Teleshopping ITV4

ITV4

11.45 Storage Wars 12.40 Cycling 1.45
British Superbike Championship Highlights 2.45 Live International Rugby Union. 5.00
British Touring Car Championship
Highlights 6.30 Storage Wars 7.00 Cycling
8.00 World Series of Datrs. Auckland 11.30
Film: National Lampoon's Vacation (1983)
1.35 Cycling 2.30 Movies Now 2.40 ITV4
Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping

11 00 Baby Daddy 12 00 Made in Chelsea 11.00 Baby Daddy 12.00 Made in Chelses LA 1.00 Melissa & Joey 2.00 The Goldbergs 3.00 How I Met Your Mother 4.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 4.30 The Big Ban Theory: It All Started with a Big Bang 5.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film: Bad Teacher (2011) 10.50 Rude Tube 11.55 Bad Robots 12.25 Gogglebox 2.30 How I Met Your Mother 3.15 The Cleveland Show 4.00 Rules of Engagement 4.50 Revenge

11.00 Treasure Island (1972) 1.00 Spv Kids 4: All the Time in the World (2011) 2.40 The Addams Family (1991) 4.40 Rio (2011) 6.30 Pride and Prejudice (2005) 9.00 I, Robot (2004) 11.15 Maniac (2012) 1.00 Troll Hunter (2010) 3.15 Close

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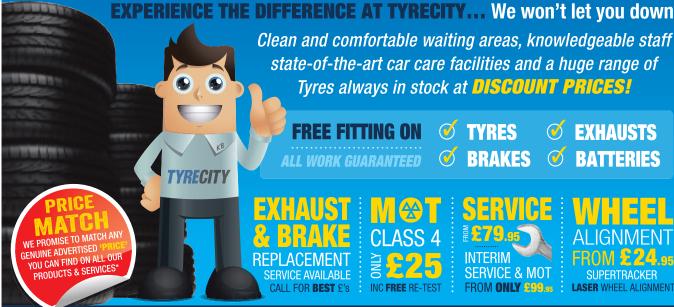
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Ray Winstone

The Trials of Jimmy Rose (ITV. 9nm)

Casting Ray Winstone in a TV drama is always a good move but recruiting his Sexy Beast costar Amanda Redman to play his estranged wife makes the new three-parter The Trials of Jimmy Rose unmissable. It follows the eponymous Jimmy (Winstone), an armed robber who has just been released following a 12year prison sentence. He's looking forward to being reunited with his family, but they have much more mixed feelings about having him home, with wife Jackie (Redman) admitting she's not sure she still loves him. However, the biggest shock comes when he discovers that his granddaughter Ellie is now a drug addict. Can Jimmy's quest to find her and get her clean provide a route back into his family?

6.00 Breakfast. 7.30 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 BBC News. 10.00 Sunday (R) 9.00 BBC News. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Wanted Down Under Revisited. (R) 12.00 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 2.15 Flog It! (R) 2.55 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.55 The Great British Bake Off. (R) 4.55 Songs of Praise – Gospel Choir of the Year. **5.35** BBC News. **5.50** Regional

- 6.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker visits a Countrylle. Matt Baker visits a farm in Buckinghamshire at harvest time, where old-fashioned methods are used to bring in prehistoric varieties of wheat. Ellie Harrison reports from the harvest at a government licensed crop of opium poppies and a scheme to preserve the harvest mouse. Adam Henson prepares for harvest time on his own farm, a John Craven is joined by Bill Bai and Naomi Wilkinson to choose the 12 finalists for this year's photographic competition. Including Weather for the Week Ahead
- Ahead.

 7.00 Big Blue Live. Steve Backshall tries to spot blue whales from the sky, while Liz Bonnin joins scientists tagging the animals. Plus, a baby sea other with a vital role to play. Last in the series.
- 8.00 Casualty. Part two of two. The team rallies around to save Charlie
- team railies around to save Charlie following his heart attack, but with gang violence threatening to engulf the hospital, tensions arounning high.

 Partners in Crime. Part three of three. Tuppence comes to the rescue when Tommy is captured by the mysterious. "N", and the race is on to find the key that perpetase the stellen homb. I act in perpetase the stellen homb. I act in perpetase the stellen homb. I act in operates the stolen bomb. Last in the series.
- 10.00 BBC News.
- 10.20 Regional Programme.

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 10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark
 Chapman reviews the latest
 Premier League action, featuring
 Southampton v Norwich City and
 Swansea City v Manchester
 United.
- 11.30 Film: In the Valley of Elah. (2007) The father of a missing soldier suspects the army is covering up the reasons behind his son's disappearance. Drama, starring Tommy Lee Jones.
- 1.20 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.25

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6.00 Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein, (R) 6.30 Countryfile, (R) 7.30 Klein. (R) 6.30 Countryfile. (R) 7.30 Gardeners' World. (R) 8.00 The Beechgrove Garden. 8.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites 1.0.00 Great British Menu. (R) 10.30 Great British Menu. (R) 11.30 Great British Menu. (R) 11.00 Live Athletics: World Championships. 2.30 Film: That's Entertainment Part Two. (1976) 4.30 Nature's Weirdest Events. (R) 5.00 Leade Mathetic.

- 6.00 World's Busiest Railway 2015. Dan Snow, Anita Rani, Robert
 Llewellyn and John Sergeant go
 behind the scenes at Mumbai's
 Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus to
 learn what it takes to run the station. (R)
- Athletics: World Championships Highlights. Gabby Logan presents action from the ninth and final day at the Bird's Nest Stadium in
- at the Dird's rivest Stauthfill in Beijing, as medals were handed out in the final seven disciplines.

 8.00 Dragons' Den. A former banker seeks funding to renovate a London underground station, a man cycles into the studio to promote his business, and a farmer has plans to laurch a race. farmer has plans to launch a range
- 9.00 Special Forces Ultimate Hell special Forces — Ultimate Hell Week. New series. Andrew Flintoff presents a show in which contestants go through the training regimes of elite military forces from around the world, beginning with America's Navy Seals
- 10.00 Odyssey. A shaman forces Odelle to confront the ghosts of her recent past, Peter reaches his lowest ebb, and Ruby and Harrison leave for a romantic
- getaway.

 10.40 Family Guy. Meg is thrilled to be recruited as a model but not everything is as it seems with the job. Meanwhile, Brian accompanies Stewie on a road trip adventure.
- 11.05 Family Guy. Peter becomes an intelligent, classy person.

 11.25 Family Guy. Chris dates Jerome's daughter Pam
- daughter Pam. 11.45 Film: Black Sheep. (2006) A farmer performs genetic experiments on his flock of sheep, giving the animals an insatiable appetite for human flesh. Comedy horror, starring Nathan Meister.
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- 6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! 6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R) 6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.35 Diple John Dan. (R) 6.45 Dipo Dan. (R) 7.00 Carrimats. (R) 7.05 Camimats. (R) 7.15 Sooty (R) 7.30 Super 4. (R) 7.45 Fish Hooks. 8.00 Young Justice: Invasion. (R) 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 10.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 12.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 12.25 ITV News; Weather. 12.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 1.35 The X Factor. (R) 3.05 Film: Casino Royale. (1967) Spoof James Bond adventure, starring David Niven. 5.30 The Chase. (R)
- 6.30 Regional Programme: Weather.
- 7.00 Animal Mums. How animals raise their young, revealing how elephants and vervet monkeys will work together to look after all the youngsters in a social group. The programme also features a lioness with eight beister programme also features a lioness with eight boisterous cubs and sheep farmers who reveal how lambs learn to recognise their mothers' voices, reveals how gannets and seals find their way back to their offspring, and demonstrates some bad behaviour among young goats and orangutans.

 8.00 The X Factor. Caroline Flack and Olly Murs present more coverage.
- Olly Murs present more coverage of the audition process. Another batch of applicants perform in front of judges Simon Cowell, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini, Nick Grimshaw and Rita Ora, as well as an arena audience of thousands, in the hope of winning one of the coveted places in the series' boot
- 9.00 The Trials of Jimmy Rose. New series. Drama, starring Ray Winstone as a former armed robber trying to get his life in order and reconnect with his family after being released from prison.
- 10.00 ITV News; Weather.
- 10.00 ITV News; Weather.
 10.20 56 Up. Documentary exploring the lives of people first filmed in 1964, when they were seven years old, revealing how their views have changed with the passage of time. Last in the series. (R)
 11.25 Premiership Rugby 7s Series. Action from finals night at The Stoop.
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- 12.20 Jackpot247. 3.00 Motorsport UK. 3.50 British Superbike Championship Highlights. 4.40 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

The Grid, 7.10 British GT. 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 Amazing Sos. Shed of the Year 2015. (R) 1.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 2.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 2.30 The Simpsons. (R) 3.00 The Simpsons. (R) 3.25 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. 4.30 Location, Location, Location, (E) 5.35 A Place in the Sun-Home or Away.

- 6.30 Channel 4 News.
 7.00 The Great Wall of China: The Hidden Story Secret History. With access to the first nationwide survey and state-of-the-art drones mapping the Great Wall of China, this documentary offers new evidence that reveals its extraordinary magnitude, rewrites its millennia-long history and decodes its complex signals
- 8.09 Time Crashers. Tony Robinson gives celebrity time travellers (kirst lelley, Fern Britton, Louise Minchin, Zoe Smith, Meg Mathews, Keith Allen, Greg Rutherford, Charlie Condou, Jermaine Jenas and Chris Ramsey a taste of life in 1468. They are a taste of life in 1468. They are split into two teams and assigned to work as squires for two kinghts preparing to face each other in a jousting tournament. They must take on an assortment of tasks, including mending armour, preparing horses and taking their master's urine to be checked for diseases by a physician.
- 9.00 Film: The Best Exotic Marigold Him: The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel. (2011) Seven English pensioners looking for a fresh start are drawn to an advert for a hotel in the Indian city of Jaipur, and plan to spend their retirement there. They arrive to find the building displated but are ween building dilapidated but are won over by the enthusiastic young manager, and each embarks on their own adventures in the city. Comedy drama, starring Judi Dench and Bill Nighy.
- Dench and Bill Nighy.

 11.25 Film: One Day. (2011) The 20year friendship between two
 university graduates is explored
 through the anniversaries of their
 first meeting. Romantic drama,
 starring Anne Hathaway.

 1.25 Film: Tom at the Farm. (2013) 3.10
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CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshakel: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) 6.20 Pip Ahoy! (R) 6.30 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.40 Chile's Closet. (R) 6.55 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.05 Paw Patrol. 7.20 Little Princess. (R) 7.35 Wanda and the Allen. (R) 7.45 Zack and Ouack. (R) 8.00 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 8.15 Jelly Jamm. (R) 8.35 Lazy rown. (R) 9.05 SquarePants. 10.05 Football League Tonight. (R) 11.35 Police Interceptors. (R) 12.30 Police Interceptors. (R) 1.25 Film: CutThroat Island. (1995) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Swashbuckling adventure, starring Geena Davis. **3.45 Film:** Paul Blart: Mall Cop. (2009) Comedy, starring Kevin James. **5.30 Film:** Superman. (1978) Comic-strip adventure, starring

8.05 Police Interceptors Unleashed with Vinnie Jones. After officer foil a robbery at a jewellers, the ensuing car chase ends with a ensuing car chase ends with a helicopter following the suspects through pitch black countryside, while a tracker on a stolen car leads to an Aladdin's cave of a warehouse. Plus, everything stops on a drugs raid when a courier turns up with a mystery package, and a leaky Lamborghini is not what fiftirs seems. Vinnie Jones presents; (R)

presents. (R)

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. A chance to catch up with the latest events inside the house as the celebrities cope with living under constant surveillance, with all the arguments and alliances, as well as the revelations in the diary room.

10.0020 Moments that Rocked the 80s. Cherie Lunghi presents a countdown of memorable moments, including roya weddings, political scandals, sporting triumphs and the rise to

11.30 Film: Shoot 'Em Up. (2007) A U HIM: Shoot Em Up. (2007) A mysterious gun-toting stranger delivers a baby, which he then has to protect from a horde of assassins. Action adventure, starring Clive Owen, Paul Giamatti and Monica Bellucci.

and Monica bellucci.

1.00 Super/Casino. Live interactive gaming. 3.10 inside Scientology – and Escaping the Witnesses. The stories of three woman who believed that they were trapped in cults. (R) 4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 5.45 Angels of Jarm. (R)

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The Libertines @ Reading 2015 12.00
Film: Wallander: The White Lioness (1996)
1.40 Sound of Cinema: The Music That
Made the Movies 2.40 Sean Connery: In
His Own Words 3.40 Close

ITV2

12.25 The X Factor: Your Top Ten 1.30

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Profile for Murder, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A criminal profiler retires to live in California with her family and move on from the horrific crime that ended her career. Her idvllic life is shattered when she discovers the serial killer responsible has escaped from prison and is intent on terrorising her. Thriller, starring Nicki Aycox and Steve Bacic. (2013)

Deadly Suspicion, Channel 5, 3.20pm

The estranged members of the Danville family are reunited when their patriarch, a prominent politician, is murdered. However, one of them is missing - an unstable daughter who was abandoned in a mental institution years before. When news reaches them that she escaped on the night of the killing, they realise she could be the culprit - and they could be next. Thriller, starring Marilu Henner. (2008)



Obsessed, BBC1, 11.35pm
An executive with a successful job and a happy family life finds his world crumbling around him when a temporary worker is assigned to his office. The new arrival becomes fixated on him, going to desperate lengths to seduce him. Thriller, starring Idris Elba, Beyonce Knowles and Ali Larter. (2009)

THURSDAY

Deadly Daycare, Channel 5, 3.20pm

A divorcee suspects a daycare centre of mistreating her young daughter. When the girl's increasingly awkward behaviour arouses suspicion, the mother plants a hidden camera on the premises. Thriller, with

Gone Baby Gone, BBC1, 11.35pm

A tough Boston neighbourhood becomes the centre of a media circus when a four-year-old girl goes missing. A private detective is reluctantly drawn into the case when the child's aunt hires him to find her, and while investigating around the area where he grew up, he uncovers secrets and deceit surrounding the disappearance. Drama, with Casey Affleck. (2007)

Katie and guests hit all the right notes

pparently, just as a performanc is about to begin, acclaimed British double bassist Chi-Chi Nwanoku feels as if she's taking her marks at the starting blocks on an athletics track.

Then, when the conductor's bator comes down, Nwanoku is straight out of the blocks, working towards the

Actually, this admission from the London-based musician of Nigerian and Irish descent isn't that surprising, because from the age of eight, Chi-Chi was destined for an international career as a 100-metre sprinter.

At 16, she narrowly missed qualifying for the 1972 Munich Olympics, and two years later was on track for the next Games in Montreal.

Then disaster struck - a knee injury meant that she could never again compete at a national level. Devastated, she returned to school, and thankfully discovered that fate had something positive in store for her

being a chamber-music performer and professor of double-bass studies at London's Trinity College of Music.

She is also the host of a weekly requests programme on BBC Radio 3 and was a jury member of BBC2's Classical Star.

Tonight, she joins Katie Derham for this week's jam-packed edition of weekly magazine show Proms Extra.

The pair will be joined by baritone Roderick Williams, who may be feeling a little sleepy after performing Bach's much-loved Magnificat, Mass in G minor and Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 alongside the BBC Singers and the Academy of Ancient Music during last night's Late Night Prom at the Royal Albert Hall.

Williams will also be looking forward to his next Proms appearance on September 11 when he is taking to the stage alongside conductor Sir Simon Rattle and the Vienna Philharmonic to sing part of Eigar's intoxicating The Dream of Gerontius.

Among the other Proms highlights up for discussion tonight are Bach's solo

violin works, which were performed so memorably by violinist Alina Ibragimova at the end of July.

Katie, Chi-Chi and Roderick also look back on the National Youth Orchestra's annual visit to the Proms a fortnight ago where they focused on Mahler's bitterly beautiful Ninth Symphony.

Their concert also opened with the world premiere of Tansy Davies's Re-greening, a celebration of spring written specially as a complement to Mahler's aforementioned work.

Finally, there is footage and discussion of Daniel Barenboim's West-Eastern Divan Orchestra, who performed at the Albert Hall on Tuesday in a concert that was broadcast last night on BBC4.

Barenboim took to the piano to play a trio of challenging pieces

- Beethoven's Triple Concerto,
Schoenberg's Chamber Symphony
and Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphon

And if all that wasn't enough, David Owen Norris once again gets 'Inside the Score' – delving deeper into the some of the music heard at the 121st season of the Proms.



Katie Derham features in Proms Extra 2015, Saturday, BBC2, 7pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

ITV, 9pm
The tourists stay closer to home as they sample what the Lake District has to offer. The Boyles from Dorset are amazed by the jaw-dropping scenery, but soon question if a small caravan is enough to accommodate their lively brood of kids, while a trip to Keswick pencil museum does nothing to convince Honor Chapman-Blackwell and her boyfriend Jonjo of the area's charms. Simon and Jayne Brearley face a battle persuading son Ben of the pleasures of hiking up a hill, while a trip to a local climbing centre nearly spells disaster for

Muslim Drag Queens Channel 4, 10pm

model Righ Last in the series

Ian McKellen narrates this First Cut documentary providing unprecedented insight into the UK's clandestine gay Asian community, which provides a vital lifeline and haven for young men who are unable to publicly reconcile their sexuality with their cultural identity and traditions. The film focuses on the stories of three of the 100 to 150 Muslim drag queens who face the seemingly insurmountable challenge of gaining acceptance and tolerance within their own communities

TUESDAY BBC1, 9pm

Ted leads an investigation into the apparent suicide of a city trader who was embroiled in the cut-throat world of London's financial district in the 1980s. As the team delve deeper into the macho fraternity of 'The Wolfpack', they find a darker side to the debauchery, secret hand signals and all-nighters that bonded the traders together - including a strict hierarchy that might be worth killing for. Meanwhile, Steve tries to learn some tricks of the trade, amid his own financial crisis.

WEDNESDAY Witnesses

Channel 4, 10pm

Kaz Gorbier is now in police custody, seemingly removing the immediate threat, but the mystery of who has been placing the exhumed bodies in various show-homes remains unsolved. Paul and Sandra push their abilities to the limit as they work to achieve closure, and as their investigation draws closer to its conclusion. dark secrets from Le TrÈport's

past begin to resurface - with devastating

THURSDAY Stephen Fry's Central America ITV, 9pm

It's seven years since Stephen Fry embarked on an epic trip to each of the USA's 50 states for the BBC. Frankly, it was a bit of a rushed job, with some destinations appearing for just a few moments each. Honefully this tour will be a little more in-depth. This time, as the title has already revealed to you, he is sampling the delights available south of

the border, beginning with a trip to Mexico. Stephen starts on the Sante Bridge, which separates El Paso in Texas from Ciudad Juarez, an important transit point for drug cartels - and a place regarded as one of Mexico's most

dangerous cities. En route to Chihuahua, he meets some of the area's

FRIDAY Ripper Street BBC1, 9pm

Long Susan has convinced the world her solicitor Capshaw shot Reid and was solely responsible for the train crash, and while the inspector remains in a coma Drake and Jackson struggle to cope. Meanwhile, a destructive gang of youths unleashes hell upon the streets by night, murdering a pub landlord. The trail leads detectives into the heartland of one of the city's oldest trades - the London Breweries - where conflicted loyalties reign and grief and anger create a potent concoction.

BBQ Champ ITV. 9pm

Myleene Klass turns up the heat as the competition reaches its mouth-watering finale, and you have to hand it to her - it must have taken a phenomenal amount of effort to remain so slim while being surrounded by a seemingly endless array of tasty treats. She faces temptation one last time tonight, as the four remaining contestants pull out all the stops in the battle to be crowned BBQ Champ 2015 and take home a cash prize of £25,000.

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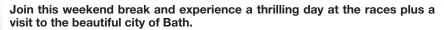
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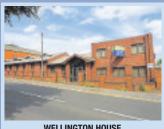
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Tiger Sport earns its stripes

By John Griffiths

In the world of motorcycling where twins and four-cylinder engines generally hold sway, it's nice to see a British-built triple making inroads.

Triumph has dared to be different with its now trademark three-cylinder machines, from the 675cc Street Triple to the big 1215cc Explorer.
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Then there's the Tiger. While Tigers are generally solitary creatures, Triumph has several in its menagerie which come in different forms, some more biased towards on-road riding rather than the occasional foray into the forests.

Most have an 800cc engine, but for those who want a big cat with even bigger teeth there's the 1,050cc Tiger Sport. Not only does it have the sort of performance which puts it in the sports category, it is also capable of easily handling two-up riding plus panniers carrying up to 220kg.

panniers carrying up to 220kg.
With its generous ground clearance it looks like an 'adventure' bike like its fellow Tigers, but in truth it's likely more buyers would see this as the consummate go-anywhere tourer. It seems Triumph acknowledge this too, as the last redesign involved a raft of measures aimed at making it more comfortable for the long-distance rider, with improved road manners.

Oh, and they gave it more power and torque, too: up from 111 to 123bhp with a healthy 104Nm of torque at a relatively low (in bike terms) engine speed of 4,300rpm.

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stretched - explaining the near 60mpg average I achieved.

The tank holds 20 litres of fuel, giving up a theoretical range of well in excess of 200 miles (depending on traffic and riding style, of course). But it's also about the way the big, fuel-injected triple delivers.

You don't need to strain your toes going up and down the slick, six-speed gear-box. Once rolling you can whisper through speed-restricted villages in fifth or even sixth, and rarely need to downshift to take an overtaking opportunity.

Snarling

The almost lazy thump, thump, thump, on tick-over soon gives way to a sewing-machine smooth mid-range and a snarling top end (if you ever need to use anything like maximum revs).

It is a tall machine, but the latest Tiger Sport now has a narrower, lower seat which makes it a better proposition for those like me with shorter legs.

The handlebars are also neared to the rid-

The handlebars are also neared to the rider, with footpegs set slightly more forward, so you have a 'command' riding position for excellent visibility which is also comfortable on long journeys. It certainly proved so for me on a 200-mile excursion along some of the finest Welsh roads.

While not quite a 'bikini' fairing, the aerodynamic binnacle containing the two headlamps and the fixed-screen mounting worked well for my size and riding position: no buffeting but enough cooling air (something I appreciate on a hot day in full kit).

It still has the long travel suspension of the adventure Tiger, but with a longer swing arm and stiffer damper settings more suited to the road than dirt tracks. If you're used to sports bike, it does feel different but neither



'While Tigers are generally solitary creatures, Triumph has several in its menagerie' this nor the bike's height seem to compromise its cornering ability.

This new set-up, and a revised chassis, contribute to its ability to continue to perform and handle even with the extra load of a pillion passenger and luggage – the essence of a good touring machine.

A big digital speed readout helps to keep you legal, and alongside that is a comprehensive fuel, temperature and tirp meter (including a 'miles to empty' feature) and tyre pressure warning.

At £9,899, the Tiger Sport is very well positioned in price and performance terms alongside the competition.

It has grown and developed out of machines such as the 955i and the previous Tiger 1050, becoming a highly competent all-rounder, with punchier performance, new levels of comfort and improved handling. It widens the options and appeal of the Tiger range, at a time when adventure-styled machines are still among the most popular with riders.



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Cactus and Grand Picasso

Citroën has shaken things up in the family car sector with the new Citroën C4 Cactus which looks unlike any other vehicle on the roads thanks to its 'Airbump' side cladding and a whole host of other bold details.

These 'Airbumps' on the side of the C4 Cactus are thermoplastic polyurethane mouldings which have air capsules inside to help absorb car park scrapes and nudges. They look pretty cool, as indeed does the rest of the C4 Cactus.

There's a lot to take in. The cabin has received a lot of design effort. Everything feels soft and relaxing, with squidgy seats and a simplified dash that features a touch screen to house most of the minor controls. In an industry first, the passenger airbag is housed in the roof, freeing up the dash



area to feel lighter and airier. The front seat is bench-like but only seats two and cost and weight has been taken out of the rear with the simple, non-split rear seat and the basic front-hinged rear windows.

The C4 Cactus is offered with four efficient powertrains, three petrol and a BlueHDi 100 diesel variant. Engines are mated to either five-speed manual or five or six-speed ETG (Efficient Tronic Gearbox) transmissions. There's even a VED-exempt petrol version, the PureTech 82 S&S ETG – which emits just

98g/km.
The C4 Cactus looks great, it's easy to drive and it's hard to argue with something that puts a smile on your face yet can return fuel consumption figures in the nineties. Anything that makes frugality a little more fun is to be welcomed and there's definitely a place for the C4 Cactus in a congested automotive market.

If you're on the lookout for something a bit

different but practical to use daily, it answers

Don't underestimate the amount of work Citroën has put into making the Cactus such a simple pleasure.

a simple pleasure.

Need more space? How about the roomy
Citroën Grand C4 Picasso? It barely puts a

foot wrong. Yes, we've become a bit blasé about manufacturer claims of how their cars are better to drive but more economical, compact on the outside and big on the inside – but just once in a while it's worth looking beyond the headline claims and thinking about the lengths car makers go to make their wares easy to live with.

The Grand C4 Picasso demonstrates a

quite obsessive compulsive attention to detail. That's why you get a lit compartment in the centre of the dashboard, which contains



'Need more space? How about the roomy Citroën Grand C4 Picasso?

plugging in smart-phones or tablets. It's why there's a removable console between the driver and passenger seat on ETG6 versions. It's why you get easy-to-reach compartments under the front seats, trays on the front seat backs complete with LED lighting and storage nets, plus under-floor compartments in the second row of seats. The 2.84m wheelbase is now the longest in class and this means that the car can quite easily carry seven people when the third row of two folding seats is used.

2.75m with the front seats folded down flat. There's also the widest boot in the category with 1.17m between the wheel arches and a total of 645-litres VDA (69-litres more than the previous generation) and over 700-litres with row two in its forward-most position

Small things maybe, but together they add up. The sum total has to be one of the very best seven-seat MPVs on the market. When it comes to vehicle packaging, it's



Yozza gets job done in Swedish open contest

TIPTON'S Jamie Hughes picked up his fourth BDO ranking title overseas after taking his arrows all of the way in the Swedish Open at the weekend, writes Craig Birch.

Birch.

The Black Country darter was on target and came through eight matches to become the champion, adding to his British Pentathlon win in July.

win in July.

Among his other trophies 'Yozza' has also claimed the Romania Classic, Antwerp Open and Zuiderduin Masters since the start of last year, making his World Championship debut in January.

And there's every chance the 29-year-old will be heading back to Lakeside, as his determination could see him continue to climb up.

could see him continue to climb up the BDO rankings.

Hughes got the job done in style, too, by thumping Dutchman Ryan De Vreede 6-1 in the final, running

De vreede 6-1 in the final, running up a hundred plus average.

A miscount in the sixth leg didn't cost him, as he erroneously went for double eight needing 36. De Vreede was not on a finish, though, so he stepped back in on double 10.

Hughes really stepped the pace from the last 16, whitewashing Belgium's Stefan Deprez 4-0 to set

beigium's Stealan Depres 4-0 to set up a meeting with Atkins.

He avenged his defeat to Atkins in the Belgium Open earlier this month, that 4-3 disappointment reversed emphatically 5-2.

His average rocketed past three figures from the semi-final, where he thrashed fellow Brit Mark McGeeney 5-0.

That standard was maintained in the final, where he claimed top

Edgbaston is handed Third Test dates

EDGBASTON has been handed a major boost after this summer's extraordinary Ashes encounter with the ground named as the venue for the Third Test against Pakistan

In all, Edgbaston will host seven days of international cricket in 2016, starting with the second One-Day International against Sri Lanka

on Friday June 24.

This will be followed by England against Pakistan in the third Inves-

tec Test from August 3-7.
In addition the Birmingham venue will once again host NatWest T20 Blast Finals Day which will take place on Saturday 20 August. For those who want to get their

hands on international tickets, they will be released for general sale on October 1.

Much needed boost for Wolves

IT might only have been August 25 – and the opposition were from League Two – but Wolves needed this.

A confidence-boosting win went a little way to erasing memories of the defeat at Cardiff on Satur-

day.

And just as importantly, several young starlets staked claims for first-team berths on a night where

there were far more positives than negatives. It was by no means a perfect performance - Wolves again faded late on and carelessly allowed Barnet back into the game.

But the majority of the game was relentless one-

way traffic with vibrant young Wolves playing some imaginative, fast-paced football and creating a host of goalscoring chances.

They should have been out of sight long before Bira Dembele exposed their weakness at defending set pieces by pulling a goal back.

As it was they had two goals to show for their attacking efforts, which was the least they deserved.

One came from teamour Bright Enobakhare who

One came from teenager Bright Enobakhare who

found the net just three minutes into his senior

And the very lively Sheyi Ojo took the combined age of Wolves' goalscorers to 35 with a well-placed second after half time. Jackett handed debuts to

teenagers Enobakhare and Sylvain Deslandes, as well as summer signing Jed Wallace, while loan striker Adam le Fondre was given his first start in Wolves colours.

Only captain for the night Ethan Ebanks-Landell, Kortney Hause and Ojo kept their places as Jackett fielded a side with an average age of just 21. Wolves were dominating possession with Barnet's

only danger coming from long throws by Sam Mug-gleton. The impressive Price dinked a delicious ball over the visitors' defence.

Wolves were disrupted by injuries and their concentration slipped when they let Barnet back in the game and Dembele fired home.

Battling Yeltz lose o a single strike

HALESOWEN suffered a narrow, but second successive away defeat in a hard-fought game against the league leaders.

However, Yeltz manager John Hill de-However, Yeltz manager John Hill described his team's performance as a big improvement from the previous Tuesday's loss at Mickleover, with the outcome only decided by an avoidable mistake.

Halesowen adopted a defensive 4-5-1 formation to start against the early season pacesetters and held firm as Louis Corrigan fired a free-kick just wide and Ged Kinsella sent over what could have been a dangerous cross after a good run.

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forward.

But for all Halesowen's hard work, Skelmersdale's only and winning goal in the 29th minute proved a disappointment.

The visitors were in possession of the ball as Isaac Cooper struck a free-kick just past the

Isaac Cooper struck a free-kick just past the home post. From the resulting goal-kick, centre-back Tony Rendell's long ball found Dan Mitchley. He then lifted the ball deftly over advancing Yeltz goalkeeper Matt Sargeant from a wide angle.

Busier

Sargeant continued to be the busier goal-keeper in the first period as he reacted well to keep out Anthony Hickey's shot and then saved an Alan Burton header.

Chances were few in the second half as the players toiled in the heat and the well organised defences dominated.

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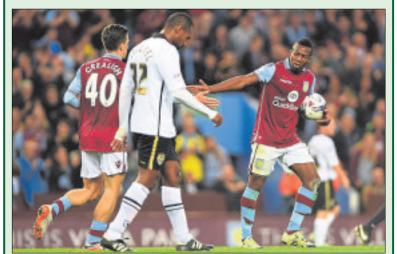
Despite their late possession, Halesowen continued to lack firepower as in previous games and the hosts saw out the final minutes to maintain their 100 per cent record at the top of the league table.

Skelmersdale United: Fearon; Mooney, Holden, McIntosh (c), Rendell, Burton, Hickey, Woolcott, Mitchley, Kinsella, Corrigan. Subs: Hardwick, Strickland, Astbury, Staunton-Turner, Porter.

Halesowen Town: Sargeant; Cooper, Griffiths (Amenku 61), Denny (c), Hull, Morrison, Charles, Waldron, Pearson (Collins 68), McGee (Connolly 86). Darkin, Unused Subs: Westwood.

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Villa need extra time to nail Notts



Adama Traore celebrates his first Villa goal on his full debut against Notts County

Villa 5 Notts County 3
SCOTT Sinclair's hat-trick ensured Villa scraped into the third round of the Capital One Cup, needing extra-time to defeat Notts County at Villa Park, but setting up a mouth-watering derby with Blues.

County led on three occasions through superb long-range goals from Genaro Snijders and Graham Burke either side of Jon Stead's

penalty. But Villa had a reply on each occasion as Adama Traore and Sinclair scored the equalisers.

with Sinclair's second also coming via a spot-kick.

The Premier League side's fit-ness told in extra-time and they led for the first time nine minutes into the first period when Sinclair completed his treble.

Substitute Joe Bennett ensured

Villa would survive an almighty

scare. Snijders had put Notts County in front after 16 minutes. It was former County loanee

Jack Grealish who teed-up Traore.
McLeod raced on to Elliott Hewitt's long ball and was brought
down by Bunn. Stead stepped up

However, five minutes into the second half Villa were level. Grealish setting up a simple tap-in for

Heathens hope to beef up before deadline

CRADLEY are hoping to have a new rider in their side by the weekend's transfer deadline. The Heathens have been with-out teenage ace Nathan Greaves since June after he suffered a seri-

since June after he suffered a seri-ous leg injury.

It's been far from ideal and Will Pottinger's men have done well to stay in contention for the league title this long – but last Friday's defeat at King's Lynn was a crush-ing blow

dereat at King's Lynn was a crushing blow.

Now they are hoping to beef up their side ahead of a key month of September with both the Knockout Cup and Gold Cup still to race for

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Pottinger said: "We've been looking for somebody to replace Nathan for a long time, and there just hasn't been anything out there until this point.

"Luckily something seems to have come up now, and although it's quite late and we've only got until Friday to make a change it would be good to have a full team back for the final stages of the season.

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"We've got to move quickly, and we are waiting for the rider concerned to pass a fitness assessment, but hopefully he'll get through that and we'll be back to full strength.

"Although I think we've covered Nathan's absence reasonably well with rider replacement you'd always prefer to have a full team.

"We might not be likely to win the title any more, but we are still desperate to get as many points as possible from our remaining meetings to see where we end up."

ings to see where we end up."
Cradley head to Rye House this
Saturday without Matt William-

George do the double over Kings

Warks & Worcs Premier Division 1
Kings Heath Park 196
The George 215
THE George picked up a great away
win to complete the double over
Kings Heath.
Three wins in the first four by
Paul Greene (21 10) Mark Street

Paul Greene (21-10), Mark Street (21-12) and Pete Davenport (21-20) gave The George a 14 shot advan-

tage.
The middle four increased the lead to 18 shots with Alan Belcher (21-12) and Jacob Dancer (21-17) on

(21-12) and Jacob Dancer (21-17) on his debut both winning. Two further wins by Paul hem-ming (21-7) and Stewart Meddings (21-10) completed a 19-shot victory. SS Division 1: The George 226 (Keith Walton 21-1) Woodfield 175 Warwick & Worc Alliance 1: The George 230 (Fred Richards 21-3) Kings Heath 204.



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Changed TD side post second win

Bartestree 2 Team Dudley 4
TEAM Dudley picked up their second
win in three West Midlands Division One games with a 4-2 success at Bart-

estree.

After a disappointing result against
Bustlehome Team Dudley travelled to
Bartestree to face a side that had lost
their first two opening games.

Manager, Stewart Holmes, changed it
up a little for a trip to Hereford which
saw the students line up in a 4-4-2 with
Alex Pinches and Marc Lawrence welcomed back into the XI while Myles Nettleford was handed his first appearance of the season.

A positive start from the visitors was

rewarded within five minutes with Na-

rewarded within five minutes with ra-than Jones scoring.

Jordan Langford-Hill played a cross to the winger who controlled the ball and beat keeper John Hopkins before finding the net with a calm effort past the cover-

the net with a caim enort past the covering defender.

With 12 minutes gone the lead was doubled by Myles Nettleford, and a minute later it was 3-0 as Jones rammed home his second.

Steve Whitehouse was central to Team Dudley playing the ball, moving it on and spraying the ball into wide areas when required, a great start from the captain while James Hawthorne is sidelined with

Willie James Haward He is steemed when an injury.

With 38 minutes gone Bartestree won a free-kick, which produced a great save from Liam Jones but the rebound was tapped home from Lee Marlon.

Bartestree scored again with 15 minutes to play from a vicious drive by

utes to play from a vicious drive by Shaun Prince. But Team Dudley sealed the game when Sam Lea played in Nettl-eford to score.

Knee injury could be end Boukari's career at Wolves

LUCKLESS winger Razak Boukari's Wolves career is almost certainly over after he was ruled out for a year with a serious knee injury.

The 28-year-old – who is out of contract at Molineux next summer – ruptured his patella tendon when jumping for a header during an under-21 fixture against Fulham on Friday.

And the Togo winger has surely now been seen for the final time in a Wolves shirt, with his latest injury setback leaving him "as low as he's ever bean".

Boukari had been injury-free since March after getting over a series of hamstring problems, with the knee injury completely unconnected to any of the many he has suffered in his Wolves career. Head of medical Phil Hayward said staff were gutted for the likeable winger. "He's jumped for a header and as he's gone to take off he's felt a nasty popping sensation and he's ruptured his patella tendon on his left side," Hayward said. "It's a very serious and quite unusual injury. He'll have surgery this week and the rehabilitation time is quite long, probably a year, perhaps a bit more."

the rehabilitation time is quite long, probably a year, perhaps a bit more." Boukari's kneecap was displaced and he left the field in agony.

Thomas gives Gillingham the Blues



Wes THOMAS came up with two crucial first-half goals to pave the way to Birmingham's com-fortable Capital Cup second-round home win over a battling Gillingham.

Birmingham's success enabled them to maintain their unbeaten start to the season but it was Gillingham's first taste of defeat.

Gillingham, currently top of League One, gave a good account of themselves and demonstrated why they have made such a good start to the sea-son but they had no answer to the goalscoring ex-ploits of Thomas who took his career tally to 51

in this tie. The feature of the early play was the confident attitude of the Gillingham side to take

the game to Birmingham with the home defence finding themselves under pressure. The stalemate was broken in the 35th minute when Birmingham confirmed their growing dom-

Thomas was on hand to nudge the ball home

past Stuart Nelson from close range.
Gillingham's bid to snatch an equaliser led to
their downfall as Thomas notched his second.

Brummies' openers are a disaster

BIRMINGHAM were left to rue a disastrous two opening heats as they went down 51-42 at Eastbourne.

down 51-42 at Eastbourne.

The Surestop Brummies' narrowly missed out on a consolation league points as their lead at the top of the National League was cut to 11-points.

The Perry Barr outfit were on the receiving end of two 5-1's in the opening couple of races which proved pivotal in the final outcome.

The Brummies restricted the Eagles to just one heat advantage in the sec-

The Brummies restricted the Eagles to just one heat advantage in the second-half of the meeting but a slow start cost the league leaders dearly.

Team Manager Graham Drury was feeling philosophical after the meeting. He said: "Naturally we're disappointed to leave with nothing."

Adam Ellis bounced back from a first

Adam Ellis bounced back from a first heat exclusion to reel off four straight wins on another top night for the No.1. The 19-year-old was involved in some spectacular races with Bradley Wilson-Dean and set a new Arlington National League track record of 59.1 in heat five.

Zach Wajtknecht put in another classy showing on his way to double-figures.

Zach Wajtknecht put in another ciassy showing on his way to double-figures while Tom Perry deserved even more than the eight points he managed. Sam Chapman and Adam Kirby both endured frustrating nights again while

endured frustrating nights again while there were encouraging signs from Alex Wilson and guest Jack Smith. Eastbourne 51: Bradley Wilson-Dean 13, Kelsey Dugard 8, Daniel Spiller 7+2, Richard Andrews 6+2, Ben Hopwood 6+1, Marc Owen 6, Georgie Wood 6+3. Birmingham 42: Adam Ellis 15, Zach Wajtknecht 12, Tom Perry 8, Sam Chap-man 3, Adam Kirby 2, Jack Smith 1+1, Alex Wilson 1.

YELTZ SUFFER RD BEATING

Halesowen Town 1 Stamford AFC 3

HALESOWEN slumped to a third successive defeat as lowly Stamford claimed their first points of the season.

The Daniels raced into a 16th minute lead when Greg Smith was given space

lead when Greg Smith was given space to power home a free header from Jon Challinor's right wing cross.

Cameron Powell doubled Halesowen's agony in the 21st minute by heading home at the far post after David Bell's free-kick was headed back across goal by captain Richard Jones with the home defence all at sea again.

Stamford continued to look far livelier going forward and created a string of further chances

forward and created a string of further chances later in the first half through Ryan Robbins and Greg Smith.

Squandered

Greg Pearson squandered a great chance to bring the Yeltz back into the game when his 40th minute penalty was saved by Richard Knight after Knight clipped the legs of Dean Waldron and Knight kept out the rebound with a superb

The Daniels went 3-0 ahead in the 58th min-The Daniels went 3-0 ahead in the 58th min-ute after a comedy of errors in the Yeltz defence as Kyle Morrison headed past his goalkeeper and from David Bell's resulting corner Powell was left to head home his second goal. Substitute Aaron Griffiths gave some hope when he drilled home a long range shot from almost 30 yards in the 66th minute for Halesow-

almost 30 yards in the 66th minute for Halesowen's first goal from open play this season. Seconds
later, Lewis Carr came to Stamford's rescue by
hooking off the line from new Halesowen striker
George McGee. Knight then made good late saves
from Isaac Cooper and Pearson.

Halesowen Town: Platt; Connolly, Cooper,
Denny (c), Hull, Morrison, Charles (Westwood
63), Waldron, Pearson (Collins 75), McGee,
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Unused Subs: Darkin, Sargeant (GK).

Stamford AFC: Knight; Challinor, Sambra,
Powell (Bettles 90), Jones (c), Carr, Bell, Hall, G.
Smith, J. Smith, Robbins (Neil 90).

Unused Subs: Staff, Gould.

Referee: Matthew Jon Attendance: 262

Albion end up on the spot



Brown Ideye of West Bromwich Albion and Ben Purkiss of Port Vale

Albion 0 Notts County 0 (Albion win 5-3 pens) ABJOIN I NOTES COUNTY (ABJOIN WIN 5-3 Pens)
AWFUL Albion survived a major scare as they
defeated Port Vale 5-3 on penalties to reach
round three of the Capital One Cup.
The Baggies produced a tepid display and
failed to find the net in 120 minutes against
the League One side.
But they scored all five penalties in the shootout with Bichard Duffy's miss proving fatal for

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out with Richard Dutly's miss proving fatal for the Potteries side.

The Baggies will be jaded ahead of Satur-day's trip to Stoke, however, and they lost Chris Brunt to injury early on as James Ches-ter slotted the winning kick.

After a low-key start to the game, Albion suffered an early blow when Chris Brunt went down injured in the 12th minute.

He left the field immediately to be replaced

He left the field immediately to be replaced by Craig Dawson.

The Baggies had a glimmer of a chance when Serge Gnabry, making his full debut, nipped onto a Brown Ideye pass but was flagged offside in a marginal decision.

The Baggies went closer moments later when The Baggies went closer moments later when Rickie Lambert found some space to cross to the far post, where Ideye produced a header that flew just wide.

Albion had enjoyed most of the possession without creating a great deal.

A scalding from **Spalding for Tivs**

Spalding United 2 Tividale 1
TIVIDALE were beaten at Spalding
United after starting the match on the back foot.

Against a team that missed out on the Evo-Stik Division One South play-off places last season, the Black Country

outfit went behind after two minutes.

Defender Neal Spafford rose unmarked and headed home a Dan Lawlor corner. It was Tividale who hit the net next,

two minutes after the interval.

Ashley Jackson at the back post and he headed home.

On 77 minutes the ball fell to Josh

Moreman to net Spalding's second.

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